

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 21st, 2024

“3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green

“*Soli Deo Gloria*”

“*To God Alone Be the Glory*”



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

For even sinners do the same.

Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

(Luke 6:33, 35a)

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Surrender All

by Winfield S. Weeden; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, our human love is found wanting
and without the love of Christ flowing through us,
we are incapable of living as You would have us live.

Fill us, day by day, with the love of Christ
so that we may love our enemies,
pray for those that spitefully use us,
and show goodness and grace to all people.

Help us to reflect the godly characteristics of Christ in our everyday lives,
to His praise and glory.

This we ask in His precious name, AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship God in our need,
bringing with us our needs and the needs of our neighbor, city, and world.

**We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts,
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

**We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
and God has promised never to turn us away.**

Let us sing and wonder!

Let us sing and testify of God's steadfast love!

* *Morning Has Broken*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teacher of hard truths,
it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those
who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;
it is not easy to make ourselves believe
that the meek will inherit the earth,
when they are being crushed
by the unjust systems stacked against them.

We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity
of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth.

We yearn for the day
when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated.
Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult,
that your love might shine like the sun
through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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* *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren Church)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Luke 6:32-37

(The Reader says: "The Word of God for ALL people" ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"HONORING JESUS ... BEYOND THE EASY"

WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

LORD,

I am no longer my own, but YOURS.

Put me to what YOU will, rank me with whom YOU will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for YOU or laid aside for YOU,

exalted for YOU, or brought low for YOU.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and whole-heartedly yield all things to YOUR pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

YOU are mine, and I am YOURS.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

* OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD ...

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 94

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

* *Freely, Freely*

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* BENEDICTION

* *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

(chorus plus)

**1. O COME LET US ADORE HIM ... 2. FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY ...
3. WE'LL GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY ... 4. O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

INFORMATION FOR YOU

QI-GONG CLASS ... (pronounced Chee Gong) ... Wednesdays ... 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ... class in the middle room upstairs in the education wing. For more information, please contact Rosalie Allan (570-885-7412)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... Meets this Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge.

VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 9:30 AM

"THE THIRD DAY" LENTEN STUDY ... Thursdays, February 15th, 22nd, 29th and March 7th, 14th, and 21st ... 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM ... *Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.*

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS ... Please plan to stay following Worship next Sunday for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday ... Jeremiah 1:1-10

Wednesday ... Romans 1:1-7

Thursday ... 1 Peter 1:13-25

Friday ... 1 Peter 3:8-12

Saturday ... John 21:15-23

Sunday ... Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ... 1 Corinthians 7:29-35 ...

... Psalm 62:5-12 ... Mark 1:14-20