

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 28th, 2024

“4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green

“*Soli Deo Gloria*”

“*To God Alone Be the Glory*”

MADE WITH LOVE



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“... it is love that strengthens the church.
... we know that there is only one God, the Father,
who created everything, and we live for him.
And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom God made everything
and through whom we have been given life.*

(1 Corinthians 8:1c, 6)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Near to the Heart of God

by Cleveland B. McAfee; arr. by Bill Wolaver

OPENING PRAYER:

**Open our hearts and spirits this day
to hear the great good news
of your power and presence with all your people.
Fill our hearts with rejoicing
as the words are proclaimed in song and story.
Enliven us and remind us that you are with us,
through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets,
through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let us praise the Lord!
We praise God with our whole heart!
God's works are great!
Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!
Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!
**May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God
that all may see and know of God's greatness.
Amen.**

* *We Believe in One True*

85 (tune # 92 – For the Beauty of the Earth)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think we know so much, O God,
and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others.
We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought.

We proclaim your word when it suits us
and often only to those with whom we want to associate.
We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness.
There have been so many times in which our humble help
would have been a blessing to someone,
but we have placed our comforts before serving others.
In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around,
trying to find the way to live.
Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you.
Help us to truly open our hearts to you.
Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives.
Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness.
Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all.
In Jesus' Name we pray.
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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* *God Made from One Blood*

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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:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"KINGDOM BUILDERS LOVE"

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:

* *Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

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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)

HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 8:45 AM

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

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ... Our Luzerne West Cluster's Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be here on February 14th, at 7:00 PM

"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.*

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Luke 14:7-14

Tuesday ... Luke 9:57-62

Wednesday ... Luke 14:25-34

Thursday ... John 6:60-71

Friday ... Acts 4:32-37

Saturday ... Romans 15:1-13

Sunday ... Job 7:1-7 ... 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 ...

... Psalm 147:1-11 ... Mark 1:29-39