

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 4th, 2024

“5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green

“Soli Deo Gloria”

“To God Alone Be the Glory”



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength;

they will fly up on wings like eagles;

they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.”

“I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means.

All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it.”

(Isaiah 40:31 ... 1 Corinthians 9:22b-23)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER:

**Holy One, we come to you,
listening for your word of compassion.
Renew us with your strength.
Empower us with your love.
Guide us in your ways,
that we may know you and worship you,
our everlasting God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.
Gather us in, the weak and the strong.
Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.
Gather us in, the young and the old.
Gather us in, to sing of God's works.
Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.
Gather us in, to worship and wonder.
Gather us in, to know of God's love.

PSALTER

Psalms 147

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* *God of Love and God of Power*

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God?

The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering!

Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.

We treat the world with callous indifference,

using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future.

We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving.

We turn our backs on people in need,

the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst.

We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become!

You have given to us all that we need.

You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ

who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace.

Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits.

Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities.

Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you.

Help us be agents of peace and hope to others.

For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take Time to Be Holy

395 (verses 1, 2)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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* *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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

(ritual of the former Methodist 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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:

Isaiah 40:21-31 ... 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "OUR HOPE AND STRENGTH – OUR PARTNER"

PRAYER OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Teach us, Good Lord
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not count the cost;
to fight and not heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
except that of knowing that we do Your Will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

13 – # 14

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

* *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

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* BENEDICTION

* *His Name Is Wonderful*

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... 2 Corinthians 3:4-18

Tuesday ... 1 Peter 1:13-25

Wednesday ... Hebrews 1:1-4

Thursday ... Jeremiah 32:16-27

Friday ... Luke 9:1-6

Saturday ... Luke 24:36-53

Sunday ... 2 Kings 2:1-12 ... 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ...

... Psalm 50:1-6 ... Mark 2:2-9

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

"SOUPER-BOWL SUNDAY" ... NEXT SUNDAY IS SUPER-BOWL SUNDAY, BUT MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY IT IS "SOUPER-BOWL" SUNDAY ... PLEASE BRING IN CANS / CONTAINERS OF SOUP OR OTHER NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF THE BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ... Friday, February 23rd, from 12:30 PM until 5:00 PM here at Dallas UMC. Please go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to donate.

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