

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 18th, 2024

“1st SUNDAY IN LENT”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Purple

“*Soli Deo Gloria*”

“*To God Alone Be the Glory*”



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced.

“The Kingdom of God is near!

Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

(Mark 1:15)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

It Is Well with My Soul

by Philip P. Bliss; arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God said, “I will be your God.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “I will lead you in the paths of truth.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “I will forgive you.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “My kingdom is near.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of the covenant,

you are ever faithful.

Your love never ends.

Teach us your ways.

**And guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness,
that we may witness to your grace and salvation. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-10

757

* *At the Font We Start Our Journey*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rachel Bird

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The season of Lent is here again and,
as with so many times before,
we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship.

So many things claim our lives
and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith.
We have lists of things to do, for all the areas of our lives.

Our lives are so time bound and duty bound
that we feel imprisoned in them.

And now we are challenged by Christ
to take this journey of discipleship.

We don't feel ready for this journey.

We need more time.

And we complain and cry about how much we have to do.

Forgive us, Lord,

when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you.

Help us to remember that you are with us, every step of the way.

We are not alone.

Enable us, loving Savior,

to take this journey of faith to new life with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When Jesus Came to Jordan # 252 (tune # 545 – The Church's One Foundation)

* 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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* *Baptized in Water*

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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:

Mark 1:9-15

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"NOW IS THE TIME"

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.**

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

* *Shall We Gather at the River*

* BENEDICTION

* *His Name Is Wonderful*

Choir

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MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ... THIS 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.

SOUP SALE FOR MISSIONS ... Our Sister Circle will be making and selling "vegetable beef" soup to raise funds for missions. The price is \$10 a quart. Payment is due when ordering. The deadline for orders is Thursday, March 14th. Orders are to be picked up on Sunday, March 17th, starting at 11:00 AM. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Prayer Room or call Judy at 570-675-2693 or 570-332-4981 to place your order.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

EASTER LILY ORDERS ... Jennie Valick-Kopacz is now taking orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10.00 in "memory" of someone or in "honor" of someone. The deadline for orders is NEXT Sunday, February 25th.

THANK YOU

Because of your generosity, this past October we gave a generous financial contribution to support the RISE AGAINST HUNGER event at Orange United Methodist Church. The thousands of packages of food packed that day at that event by volunteers from area churches, including our own have been delivered to Sierra Leone.