

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 3rd, 2024

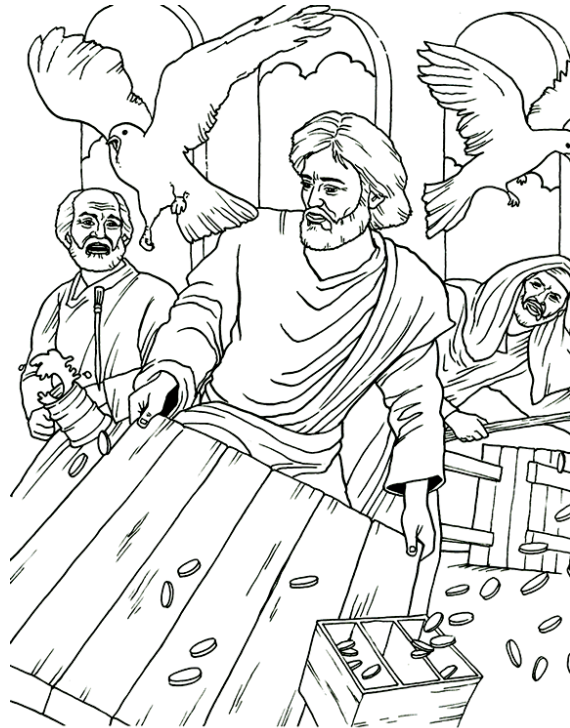
“3rd SUNDAY IN LENT”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Purple

“*Soli Deo Gloria*”

“*To God Alone Be the Glory*”



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“*Passion for God's house will consume me.*”

(John 2:17b)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock of Ages

by Thomas Hastings; arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lenten travelers, why are you here?

We gather to do the work of worship.

Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

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OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, we come to you this day

with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits.

Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love.

Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PSALTER:

Psalms 19:1-14

750

* *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With hearts of sorrow,
we come before you, O God,
to confess what you already know —
we have failed to keep your laws.
Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will,
rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.
We have twisted your decrees and institutions
to suit our preconceptions and interests
rather than your own.
Forgive us, O God,
and cleanse us from hidden faults,
that the words of our mouths,
and the meditations of all our hearts,
may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* *The Old Rugged Cross*

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

**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:

John 2:13-22

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"ARE WE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE THINGS JESUS IS?"**

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART
Hammerskjöld

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Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:
Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. 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:

**The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God,
while you invite us to share what we have with those in need.**

**Accept these gifts for your purposes,
that we may be your servants in the world.**

In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

614 (tune # 398 – Jesus Calls Us)

* BENEDICTION

* *Lift High the Cross*

159 (verses 3, 4)

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Genesis 32:22-32

Tuesday ... Exodus 3:1-12

Wednesday ... Isaiah 55:1-13

Thursday ... 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Friday ... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Saturday ... Romans 8:1-17

Sunday ... Exodus 20:1-17 ... 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 ... Psalm 19:7-14 ... John 2:13-22

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated new and gently used shoes for Mission Central.

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout

the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations.

Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain, and grow business

in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa.

Total pairs of shoes collected by congregations of our Luzerne West Cluster of UM Churches

Alderson UMC – 89

Dallas UMC – 205

Lehman-Idetown UMC – 10

Loyalville UMC / Huntsville UMC – 99

Maple Grove UMC – 218

Mount Zion UMC – 35

Orange UMC – 39

Shavertown UMC – 149

TOTAL PAIRS – 844