

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 10th, 2024

"4th SUNDAY IN LENT"

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Purple

"Soli Deo Gloria"

"To God Alone Be the Glory"



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

"Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done,

so none of us can boast about it.

For we are God's masterpiece.

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,

so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

(Ephesians 2:9-10)

WELCOME!

We are very glad you are here this morning!

We pray that in our time together, you will sense God's Holy Spirit

in the silence, the spoken word, or the music,

and understand this truth ... **JESUS LOVES YOU AND IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!!!**

"WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."

- Micah 6:8

"YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

... AND ... 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE."

- Mark 12:30-31

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of the world.

Local churches and extension ministries of the Church

provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

(¶ 120 Book Of Discipline)

Dallas UMC is a United Methodist Congregation

of the Luzerne West Cluster of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre (SWB) District

of the Susquehanna Conference of the Northeast Jurisdiction

of the United Methodist Church of Christ's Church Universal

Ministers: All who LOVE and SERVE Jesus

Bishops: Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball

Conference Superintendent of the SWB Supervisory Area: Rev. Judy Walker

Pastor: Dave Walker

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

by William B. Bradbury; arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to God!

Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.

Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

Let us offer our lives in service to others.

Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

**Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing,
remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift,
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Help us to model our lives after his messages
of compassion and service to you and to all your world.**

In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer.

Amen.

PSALTER:

Psalms 105:1-4

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* *Love Lifted Me*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and patience,

be with us this day as we celebrate UMCOR Sunday –

a time of sharing your bounty with others.

Help us to remember that the gifts we give,

go to help many people in need.

Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others,

for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love.

Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living

that we neglect to help others.

Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love.

Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Jesus Christ.

Heal us and forgive us.

Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing;

for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* *When I Survey the Wondrous 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 3:14-21 ... Ephesians 2:1-10

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"A LIFETIME OF SHARING"

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART

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Hammerskjöld

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.

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of unwavering love,
you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son.
How we marvel at that kind of love,
and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you.
As we dedicate ourselves and our offerings to you,
lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough.
Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be.
In Christ, we pray.
Amen.

* *Grace Alone*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Lift High the Cross*

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