

# **“4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”**



**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Dallas United Methodist Church**

**Liturgical Color – Green**

## **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

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying,

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

Smallest of seeds, yet greatest of trees; home for the birds of the air.”

**Let our faith bloom and grow in this time of worship;**

**let this place be a shelter and home for all who are weary.**

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, kneaded into flour, that it might rise and feed many.

**Let the community gathered here increase in faith and devotion,**

**so that we might nourish the world with the good news of God.**

The kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure, buried in a field until it is discovered in joy.

**Let this time of worship be an uncovering of God’s mysteries.**

**God is here! Christ is revealed!**

**The Spirit lives among us! Let us worship God!**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of every thought and reality,**

**the holy, prophetic sustainer of community,**

**we gather here today as your people,**

**children of the good news.**

**Assure us of your presence once again,**

**that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,**

**as we gather in the name of our Savior, who is Jesus, the Christ.**

**Amen.**

\* *For the Fruits of This Creation* # 97 (tune # 688 – God That Madest Earth and Heaven)

\* *Open My Eyes, That I May See* # 454

## MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.**

**Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.**

**It’s hard to live by faith.**

**You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.**

**Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view.**

**It’s hard to live by faith.**

**You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.**

**Yet it’s not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away.**

**It’s hard to live by faith.**

**Forgive us, holy maker of reality.**

**Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*In the Garden*

Mr. Lee Fett

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

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*(from the ritual of the former Evangelical 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.**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Mr. Lee Fett

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

1 Samuel 15:34-35 ... Mark 4:26-32

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

*\* In the Midst of New Dimensions*

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TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"SCATTER SEEDS BUT THEN WHAT"**

*\* Hymn of Promise*

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

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

*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:*

**We bow before you  
with these offerings and gifts,  
that you may know our love.  
Lift us up,  
that we may see a king.  
A King who would give his very life for us,  
a Master who would be a servant,  
a Savior who would be a friend.  
Gather these gifts, and gather us, your people,  
that we may be your family upon this earth.  
Amen.**

*\* BENEDICTION*

*\* Freely, Freely*

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