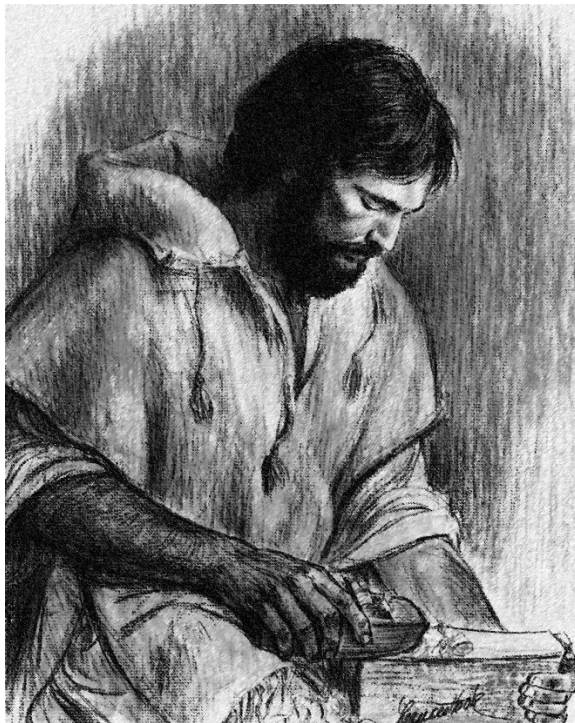




Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Dallas United Methodist Church



July 7th, 2024

“7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

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

For the Beauty of the Earth – with – This Is My Father's World

Arr. by Bill Wolaver

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

There God's greatness stands majestically.

God's greatness can be within the human heart.

Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,

come into our village and teach us to be your people.

**As we receive your word and rejoice in your grace,
grant us the courage to share the message of your love.**

Guide us out of the darkness of doubt and confusion

and into the light of faith and hope,

that we may share your light with the world.

In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen.

* *We Meet You, O Christ*

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MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Puzzling God,

**Today we will hear in the Gospel Message
that Jesus was questioned and rejected
by his own hometown, friends, and relatives,
and we wonder how he was able to continue in ministry
with such a lack of support.**

We want to enter our endeavors with full support and acclamation.

**We are afraid to begin a task
if even our families, friends, and hometown folk belittle it and also us.**

So rather than face degradation, we back down.

Forgive our lack of faith and vision.

**Empower us to be in service to you,
even when we do not feel the support of our family.**

Let us trust in your power and presence with us.

Heal us.

Guide our lives and our journeys all our days.

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* 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

(from the 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.**

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GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Mark 6:1-6

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"NOT DISCOUNTED"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

** The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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

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

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION:*

**Powerful God,
multiply these gifts so that our faith community is empowered
to minister to the needs of all your children.
Use us and these gifts to make certain
that no one ... no one ... is ever discounted as unworthy or unlovable.
Amen.**

** BENEDICTION*

** Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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