



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Dallas United Methodist Church



July 14th, 2024

“8th 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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!

May the king of glory come into our midst.

Who is this king of glory?

This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.

Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.

May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today.

You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it.

**You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives,
even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.**

Let our spirits soar!

Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love.

**We celebrate your love and presence with us,
and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,
that we offer this prayer.**

Amen.

* *Are Ye Able*

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God –

Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God –

Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* 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.**

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**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

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(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.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Mark 6:14-29

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"BLINDED BY VENGEANCE"**

* 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.**

* *It Is Well with My Soul*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Shalom to You*

666 (twice)

***"I have often repented of judging too severely,
but very seldom of being too merciful."***

- John Wesley