



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

# Dallas United Methodist Church



**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

***“9<sup>th</sup> 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.

\* *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

# 203 (verses 1, 2, 4)

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share,  
the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

**Come! Let us worship!**

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

**Come! Let us worship!**

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering,  
and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**Come! Let us worship!**

So, come, members of the family of God!

Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love,  
and woven together as community in Christ.

**Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Reconciling God,  
proclaim peace to us once more.**

**Put to death all hostility within us and help us be one with our enemies,  
that we may all be members of your household.**

**Remove the animosities to which we cling and be our shepherd,  
even as we are the sheep of your pasture,  
through Jesus Christ, our guide and guardian. Amen.**

**O God, the rock of our salvation,  
your faithfulness is as constant as the north star.  
But your holiness frightens us—  
for the justice of your love brings judgment on our lives.  
Like David before us,  
we would rather build you a temple and keep you safely in one place  
than have you move about with us in a tabernacle and be everywhere we go.  
Like the psalmist,  
we would rather shout the certainty of your favor—  
a favor as predictable as the rising sun and moon,  
than face the possibility that our peace may come,  
not through strength of arms,  
but through the love of a shepherd for the lost sheep of our world. 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.**

**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*

# 70

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

# 895 & # 898

*(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:

2 Samuel 7:1-7 ... Ephesians 2:11-22

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

## **"BUILDER AND RESTORER OF RELATIONSHIPS"**

\* 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.**

\* *Sacred the Body*

# 2228

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Shalom to You*

# 666 (twice)

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

- John Wesley