



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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

# Dallas United Methodist Church



**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**“12<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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Near to the Heart of God*

by Cleland B. McAfee; arr. by David Hamilton

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today knowing there are people in our world  
who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

**Our work of peace begins with prayer.**

We gather today knowing there are people in our community  
who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

**Our work of love begins with prayer.**

We gather today knowing there are people in this place,  
this neighborhood, this world that we all share  
who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

**Our work of hope begins with prayer.**

We gather not to look away from the world  
but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

**May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying,  
do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives.  
Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice.  
However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety.

**We need you. Humbly we wait for your presence with us.**

**We hunger and thirst for you this morning  
and long to be nurtured in your love and forgiveness. Amen.**

\* *Jesus Loves Me*

# 191

\* *O How He Loves You and Me*

# 2108

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of compassion,**

**if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand?**

**We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see.**

**We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness.**

**We try to do good, but sometimes fail.**

**We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed.**

**Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely.**

**Without you, we have no hope. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

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

*Ecumenical Version*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be YOUR name,**

**YOUR kingdom come, YOUR will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are YOURS now and forever. Amen.**

\* *And Can It Be*

# 363 (verses 1, 3, 5)

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Matthew 22:37-39 ... Ephesians 4:29-5:2a

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**"GOAT"**

\* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

**The hope in our lives is Jesus.**

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**The call we must answer is God's.**

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

**The Lord of our lives is Jesus.**

There is one baptism, one Father, of all.

**The creator who calls us is God.**

We are one body, one family, one church,

**woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.**

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

**we are one body in unity and love.**

\* *Glory Be to the Father*

# 70

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

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of miraculous grace,**

**transform our gifts into the work of ministry.**

**Transform our lives into YOUR presence in the world.**

**Through these gifts,**

**may we grow in the knowledge of Christ**

**and be strengthened in the unity of faith.**

**Transform these gifts into the bread of life**

**so that in our giving others may be fed.**

**Make these gifts the waters that spring up into eternal life,**

**so that in our giving,**

**others may be nurtured and strengthened as children of God.**

**In YOUR loving and nurturing name, we pray. Amen.**

\* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

# 384

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Bind Us Together*

# 2226

***"In the essentials, unity.***

***In the non-essentials, liberty.***

***In all things, charity (love)."***

~ often attributed to John Wesley but was actually Rupertus Meldenius ~

***"The church is the church  
only when it exists for others."***

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~

***"Soli Deo Gloria"***

***- To God Alone be the Glory***