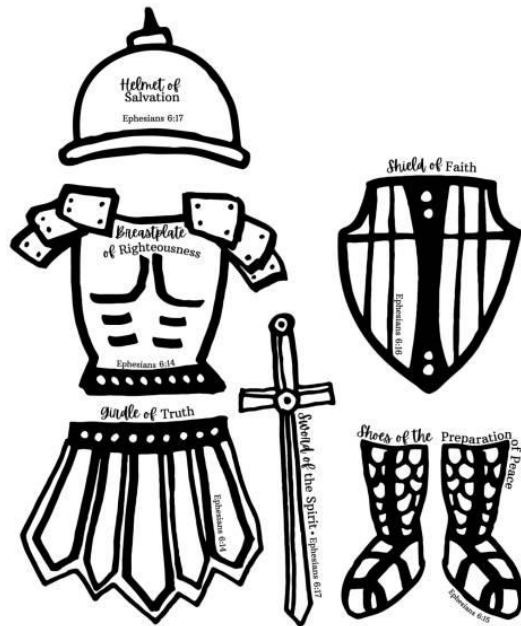




Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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

# Dallas United Methodist Church



**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**“14<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

*It Is Well with My Soul*

by Philip B. Bliss; arr. by Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

**The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.**

There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.**

Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

**Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.**

OPENING PRAYER

**In the beauty of this place,  
we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope.**

**We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week,  
needing to feel the soothing presence of God.**

**Lord, be with us this day.**

**Calm and soothe our souls.**

**Cause us to rejoice  
that you have provided a special place**

**where we may gather  
to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises;  
and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen.**

\* *O God of Every Nation*

# 435 (tune # 278 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)

\* *Soldiers of Christ Arise*

# 513

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient Lord,**

**we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems.**

**We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage**

**that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts.**

**It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge  
that discipleship requires patience and perseverance.**

**Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings.**

**It took a long time for them to understand fully  
what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond.**

**We are no different.**

**The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient;  
when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is.**

**Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship,  
through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike.**

**Push us in our ministry of help and compassion  
to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others.**

**Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment  
that we may truly serve you by serving others.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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.**

**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.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US: Ephesians 6:10-20

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

\* *Onward, Christian Soldiers* # 575 (verses 1, 3, 4)

\* *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* # 514 (verses 1, 3)

TODAY'S MESSAGE **"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR"**

\* 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.**

\* *Standing on the Promises* # 374

\* 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 ~

***"Soli Deo Gloria"***

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