

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"THE GIFT OF COMPASSION"

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

* *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

As people of hope and disciples of holy love,
we offer our gifts and our lives to share with others.

Touch these gifts, O God, with your manifold blessings.

Touch our very lives, that we may be instruments of your hope.

May our gifts and our lives bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need.

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

* BENEDICTION

* *Bind Us Together*

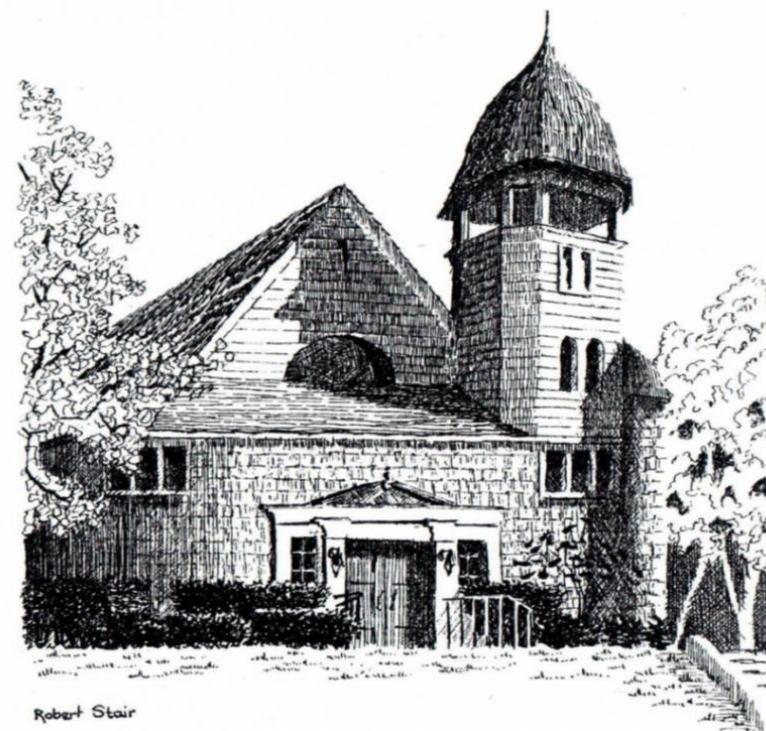
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 29th, 2021

"14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

**When he saw the crowds,
he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.**

(Matthew 9:36)

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... **A TIME TO FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS ON KING JESUS**

OPENING PRAYER:

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Loving God, let us receive this day as a gift from you.

Help us to see signs of your compassion.

May we be mindful to watch for ways in which we can ease each other's burdens.

Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus as we reach out in love.

Jesus has shown us the way to true discipleship.

We join together to bring the Kingdom here and now.

* *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION:

Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd.

Sometimes we fail to follow in your son's footsteps.

Our words become like swords which cause injury to others.

Our actions can be like a stampede crushing another's spirit, diminishing their worth.

We sin against our creator and feel helpless in its power.

We harass the helpless, show no compassion as we crave our own power.

We can become like wolves in sheep's clothing.

Forgive our transgressions, O Lord, and bring us home.

Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;

through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"The Gift that Keeps on Giving"

* *We Would See Jesus*

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* 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.

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

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:

Zechariah 7:9-10, Matthew 9:35-38

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The People respond: "Thanks BE to God")