

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* *Now Let Us from This Table Rise*

634 (tune # 408 – The Gift of Love)

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

**All that we do is in your holy name, O God.
Even as we share the riches of our labors,
may we continue to honor your name in all that we do.
Bless these gifts given freely,
that your justice and mercy may prevail in a weak and weary world.
In your generous name, we pray. Amen.**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Think of a time when you have been shown mercy ... when grace has been extended to you.

How do you offer mercy and grace to others?

Jesus' concern was how those who claim to be his followers treated others.

How might you treat others the way Jesus would?

How will you show others that your faith requires you to act in a manner that reveals Jesus and his love?

* BENEDICTION

* *Pass It On*

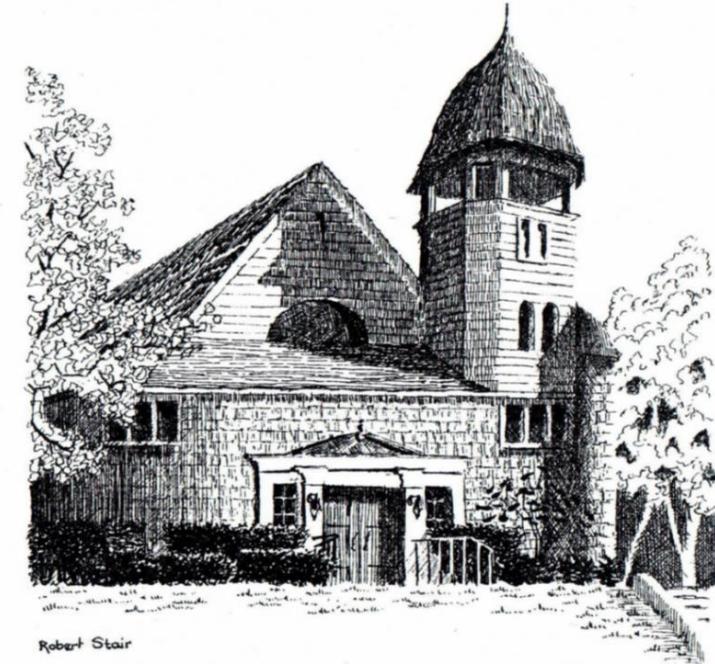
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 5th, 2021

“15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

**You do well when you fulfill the royal law found in scripture,
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
There will be no mercy in judgement for anyone who hasn't shown mercy.
Mercy overrules judgment.**

(James 2:8, 13)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus brought healing love to all people.
They talked and marveled about his miracles.
But they really didn't understand him.
They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.
Jesus brings us transforming compassion.
Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.
Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.
Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.
Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

* *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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* *Jesu, Jesu*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Patient Lord, you know us so well.
We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles,
but we do not understand the compassion of Christ.
We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals
and then we promise our faithfulness and witness.
But in our hearts, we just don't get it.

Eternal God,

Creator of the heavens and the earth and all who dwell therein,
we give you thanks for all that surrounds us.

We thank you for making us but a little lower than the angels, children of your grace.
We are grateful for your mercy, forgiving our human pride and our blindness to those in need.

We rejoice in the hope and salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ,
who shared our earthly suffering and joy.

We remember Christ's death, celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection,
and seek to follow in Christ's way, serving those around us.

In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit,
we offer ourselves to your service as we unite our voices to glorify you.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!

At this table we recall the night when Jesus was at table with his friends.

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it.

He gave it to the disciples, saying,

"Take, eat. This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same manner, Jesus also took the cup, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By partaking at this table, we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's return.

Gracious God,

we ask you to bless this bread and cup.

May we be strengthened through your Holy Spirit
to be the body of Christ, your servant people,

faithful in all things

and humble in our service

to you and your people.

Amen.

**Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding.
Help us to know the transformational power of your love.
Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do.
It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

* *Here Am I* # 2178

* *Together We Serve* # 2175

* 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.**

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on Earth as it is 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.**

GOD'S WORD:

James 2:1-17 ... Mark 7:24-37

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION"

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you, or set aside for you.
Praised for you, or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it also be made in Heaven.
Amen.**