

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 23rd, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

“LOVE NEVER ENDS: BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST” WORSHIP SERIES

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*The human body has many parts,
but the many parts make up one whole body.*

So it is with the body of Christ.

*All of you together are Christ's body,
and each of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 (NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... **A TIME TO FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS ON OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, JESUS!**

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy C. Townley

What would God have us do?

What gifts do we have that can serve God?

Lord, guide our lives and our service.

Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.

Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.

Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.

Open our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your guidance.

Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.

Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for gifts of ministry.

Let us praise God with joyful hearts for opportunities to serve. Amen.

* *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

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* 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*

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JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

***Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WHERE CHILDREN BELONG

2233 (sing twice)

***This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.***

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

* RESPONSIVE LITANY: "WE ARE ONE BODY" *Jeanette Pinkston, The Africana Worship Book for Year C*

There are many members in the body of Christ, but one body.

We are all one body in Christ.

Just as God arranged the human body,

God has arranged the church to be members of the body of Christ.

We are all one body in Christ.

Therefore, we need each other to survive.

We are all one body in Christ.

We must care for one another; for, together, we are the body of Christ.

There are no big gifts and little gifts. My gift is no better than your gift.

No one is greater than another, for we are one in Jesus Christ.

God has placed gifted people among us to equip the saints and to build God's kingdom.

We rejoice that we are one body in Christ. Amen.

* *Together We Serve*

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RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

MISSION INSITE REPORT

Church Leadership Council

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"YOU ARE THE BODY"

A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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DISCIPLES' CHALLENGE:

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH YOUR HELP TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS?

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH YOUR HELP TO SHOW OUR NEIGHBORS

THE TIE THAT BINDS US TOGETHER?

* BENEDICTION

* *My Tribute*

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