

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 30th, 2022

FOURTH 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

***Trust steadily in God,
hope unswervingly,
love extravagantly.***

And the best of the three is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG)

Let love be your highest goal!

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... **LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS ON THE FULLNESS GOD FOUND IN JESUS**

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anna George Traynham

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.”

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

“Love never ends.”

“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

“God so loved the world.”

God so loves the world.

Let us worship the God of love and life.

* *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

363 (verses 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kwasi Kena, The Africana Worship Book for Year C

Gracious God, how often does selfishness wash through our good intentions?

How often do we speak bold, sophisticated words to impress others?

How often do we forget that we are what we are because of you?

Remind us that our abilities are your gifts to us.

Remind us that you loaned us some possessions in hopes that we would help others with them.

If we are guilty of living only to impress others – forgive us.

If we gain status only by putting someone else down – forgive us.

If we do things only for applause – forgive us.

If all we do sounds like clanging cymbals and noisy gongs to you – call us to repent.

Humble us enough to serve.

Humble us enough to pray.

Humble us enough to love you and people who may never say thank you to us.

All of this we pray, in the name that is above all names ... Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

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 worshiping 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 13:1-13

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

* *The Gift of Love*

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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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MISSION MOMENTS

Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"THE GREATEST OF THESE"

A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

* *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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DISCIPLES' CHALLENGE:

**"Love others as I have loved you."
"Love your neighbor as yourself."
"LET LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL!"**

* BENEDICTION

* *My Tribute*

99 (twice)