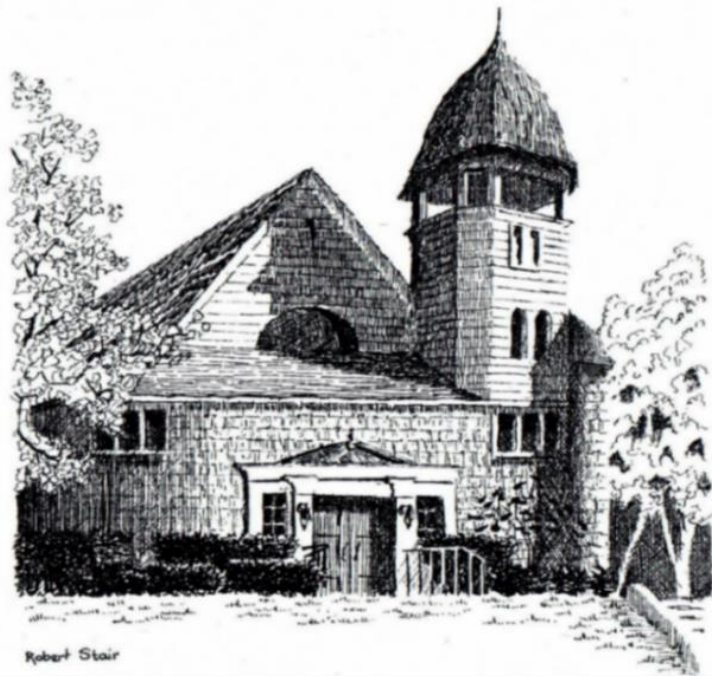


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 25th, 2022

“16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*Then the King will say,
'I'm telling the solemn truth:
Whenever you did one of these things
to someone overlooked or ignored,
that was me—you did it to me.'*

(Matthew 25:40 ... MSG)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

He Leadeth Me

William Bradbury arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We trust our God,
who alone gives us life.
We trust our God,
who gives us life in Jesus Christ.
We trust our God,
who gives us life in the Spirit.
Give blessing and praise to our God,
who alone deserves every honor!

* *Here Am I*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

Triune God,
you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives,
yet far too often, we do not.
In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future.
When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death,
we often grow bitter and forget your love.
Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives.
Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you,
falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition.
Absorbed by our wants and desires,
we are blind to those around us who need our care.
Forgive us, O God.
Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear.

**Turn our hearts to you,
that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation. 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

* 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*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

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:

Luke 16:19-31

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE WE'RE GIVEN"

THREE THINGS WE PRAY

Richard of Chichester, England, 13th century

**Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which thou hast given us;
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
for thine own sake. Amen.**

* *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

589 (tune # 408 – The Gift of Love)

* BENEDICTION

* *I Am Thine, O Lord*

419 (verses 1, 2)

***"If you want to be like Jesus –
you must have a heart for the whole world."***

~ Unknown ~

INFORMATION FOR YOU

SMALL GROUP STUDY – DISCIPLE FAST TRACK ... Monday ... 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

INTENTIONAL WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER - CLERGY AND LAITY ... You are invited to join our District Superintendent, Rev. Judy Walker, by ZOOM every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM for 20 minutes including Scripture, devotion and prayer for one another, the Church, our communities, and the world. The link to join this time of prayer is ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIlVNFJsdXM4UT09>

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE ... next Sunday at 8:45 AM. ALL are welcome to join the BELL CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE ... next Sunday at 9:30 AM. ALL are welcome to join the CHOIR

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ... if you are considering becoming a “professing member” of Dallas United Methodist Church and have questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Dave. He will gladly talk with you about what it means to be a “professing member” of the church.

FACEBOOK / YOU TUBE ... be sure to “like” and “follow” our church’s Facebook page ... and subscribe to our church’s YOU-TUBE channel ... Please invite others to do so as well.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY ... COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ... RUTH’S PLACE ... SHOEMAKER HUB ... We have containers on a table in the Prayer Room for your contributions to these local ministries.

QUILTERS GROUP 1 ... this Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Wesley Room. This group works on “ugly sleeping bags” for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES

BLOOD DRIVE ... We’re hosting a Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE here on Thursday, October 20th from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. If you are able, plan to donate here.

SHOE COLLECTION ... From now until the end of October, we will once more have a container next to the MISSION TABLE in the Prayer Room for new and gently used shoes. These shoes will be given to MISSION CENTRAL who work with a partner organization (Funds2Orgs) that distributes the shoes internationally. They help individuals in developing countries start a business with the shoes, so they can learn business skills and sustain their families ... and also put money back into their community. MISSION CENTRAL also distributes shoes locally when there is a need. Please be sure to put each pair of shoes in a bag or box, or at the very least a sturdy rubber band, so they don't get separated from their mate.

Last year, our Back Mountain Cluster collected and donated 324 pairs of new and gently used shoes.