

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 16th, 2022
"19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"
"LAITY SUNDAY"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

Every time we think of you, we thank God for you.

(1 Thessalonians 1:2a)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden, arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things ...

So God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. AMEN.

* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits

and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God.

All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us.

But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior.

You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it,

but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty.

Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness.

Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power,

and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people.

These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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:

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,**

and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. AMEN.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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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:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-4 ... Romans 12:1-5a

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"LOVED AND NEEDED"

CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH

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Christ loves the church, with grace beyond all measure.

We bear his name, for all the world to see.

**He will not let us go or let us be,
but chooses earthen vessels for his treasure.**

**Christ needs the church, to live and tell his story,
to praise his love and marvel at his trust,
till, bathed in light awakened from the dust,
we walk with God, alive in grace and glory.**

* *Here I Am. Lord*

* BENEDICTION

* *Standing on the Promises*

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

BLOOD DRIVE ... We're hosting a Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE ... THIS Thursday, October 20th from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. If you are able, plan to donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org/give-blood

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

SISTER CIRCLE ... Tuesday ... 12:00 PM ... here

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER ... You are invited to join our District Superintendent, Rev. Judy Walker, by ZOOM every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM for 20 minutes. The link to join this time of prayer is ...
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIlVNFJsdXM4UT09>

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION ... You are invited to join Pastor Dave by ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for 15 to 20 minutes of prayer and devotion. A link to join Pastor Dave will be emailed out on Tuesday.

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