

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

August 27th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*He pressed them,
"And how about YOU?
Who do YOU say I am?"*

(Matthew 16:15 ... The Message)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

He Leadeth Me

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us,

“Who do YOU say that I am?”

You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us,

“Who do YOU say that I am?”

You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us,

“Who do YOU say that I am?”

You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us,

“Who do YOU say that I am?”

**You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God!
May we be instruments of LOVE in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost,
and wonder why we cannot find you.**

**We wander the corridors of power,
while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.**

**We sit at the head tables of the world,
while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor.**

**We applaud those who win the race,
while you are cheering on those in last place.**

**In forgiving us, God of new life,
you would transform our cold hearts
into those melted in service to others.**

**In granting us mercy,
you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored.**

**In gifting us with grace,
you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.**

--- silent prayer for personal confession ---

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* 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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* *There's Something About That Name*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(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 FOR US:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE SAY ABOUT JESUS?"**

* OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD ...

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 94

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* *Here I Am, Lord*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Freely, Freely*

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