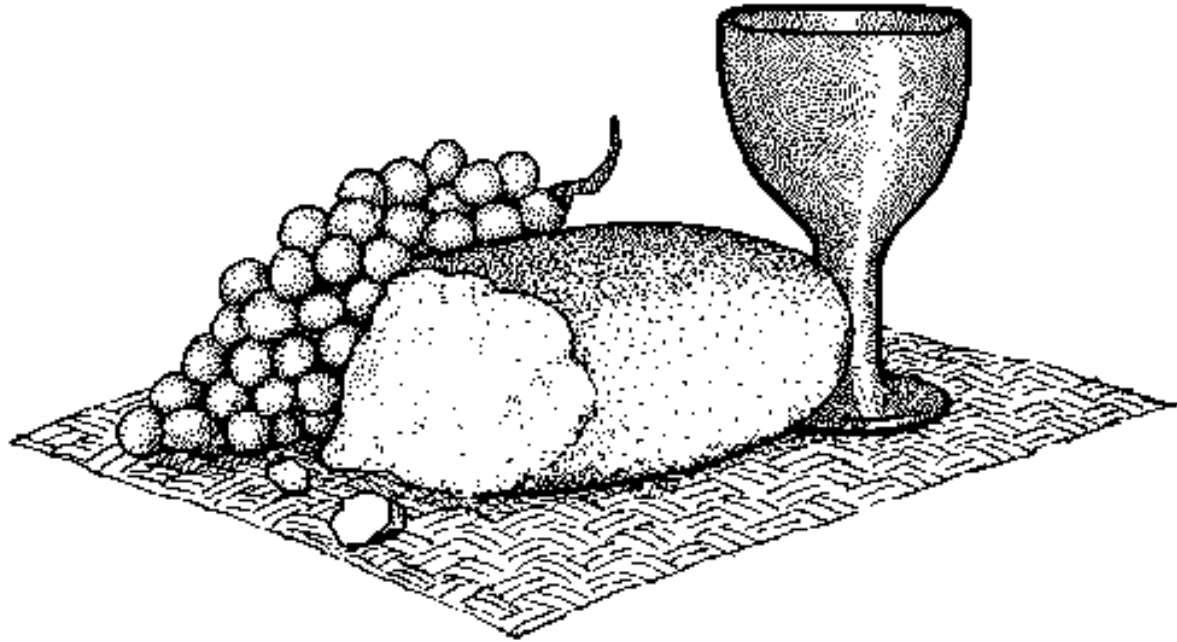




Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Dallas United Methodist Church



August 4th, 2024

“11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green

WELCOME!

We are very glad you are here this morning!

We pray that in our time together,
you will sense God’s Holy Spirit in the silence, the spoken word, or the music,
and understand this truth ... **JESUS LOVES YOU AND IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!!!**

“WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.”

- Micah 6:8

“YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’

... AND ... ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’

NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE.”

- Mark 12:30-31

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of the world.

Local churches and extension ministries of the Church

provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

(¶ 120 Book Of Discipline)

Dallas UMC is a United Methodist Congregation
of the Luzerne West Cluster of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre (SWB) District
of the Susquehanna Conference of the Northeast Jurisdiction
of the United Methodist Church of Christ’s Church Universal

Ministers: All who LOVE and SERVE Jesus

Bishops: Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball

Conference Superintendent of the SWB Supervisory Area: Rev. Judy Walker

Pastor: Dave Walker

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

* *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

With patience and love, we come as one family.

We are one body of Christ, united in God.

Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

We gather to listen, and to share our stories.

We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.

Come! Now is the time to worship.

OPENING PRAYER

God of unity and peace,

bind us together as we come now to worship YOU.

Strengthen the ties that make us YOUR family.

Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body.

Guide us to hear YOUR calling as YOU speak to our lives.

Encourage us to bravely burst forth

as faithful committed followers of Jesus.

Dwell in our very hearts, that we may serve YOU and others in humility—

braided with strength and gentleness, intertwined with passion.

Build us up in love,

that we may grow in our knowledge and our love of YOU.

Speak YOUR truth to our lives,

that we may lead lives worthy of YOUR calling.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity and love,

place within each of us a spirit of hope and community.

Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility.

Cleanse us with the living water of YOUR grace.

Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness.

Raise us up to be YOUR children, growing toward maturity in faith and love.

Strengthen this church,

that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see.

In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Ephesians 4:1-16

(The Reader says: "The Word of God for ALL people" ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"ONE IN UNITY – NOT UNIFORMITY"**

* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

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The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, of all.
The creator who calls us is God.
We are one body, one family, one church,
woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.
With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,
we are one body in unity and love.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of miraculous grace,
transform our gifts into the work of ministry.
Transform our lives into YOUR presence in the world.**
**Through these gifts,
may we grow in the knowledge of Christ
and be strengthened in the unity of faith.**
**Transform these gifts into the bread of life
so that in our giving others may be fed.**
**Make these gifts the waters that spring up into eternal life,
so that in our giving,
others may be nurtured and strengthened as children of God.**
In YOUR loving and nurturing name, we pray.
Amen.

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

Ecumenical Version

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be YOUR name,
YOUR kingdom come, YOUR will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are YOURS now and for ever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *One Bread, One Body*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Bind Us Together*

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***"In the essentials, unity.
In the non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, charity (love)."***

~ often attributed to John Wesley but was actually Rupertus Meldenius ~