

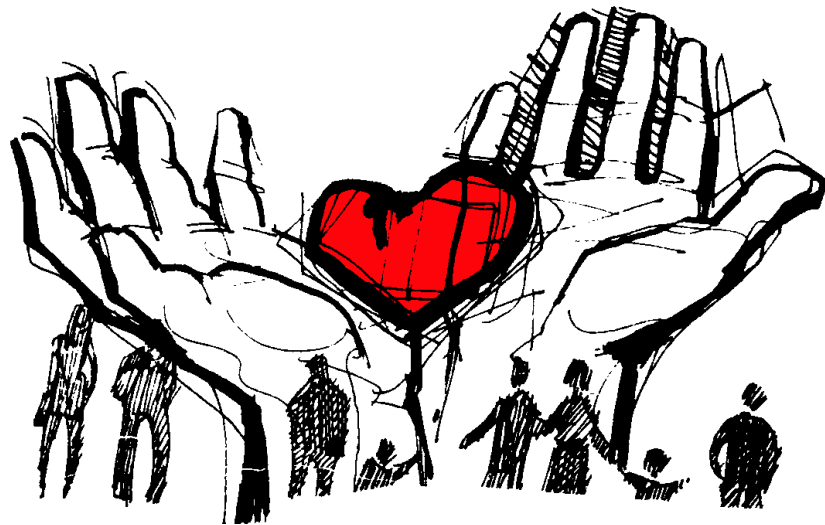
"Soli Deo Gloria"
- To God Alone be the Glory



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Dallas United Methodist Church



September 8th, 2024

"16th 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
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Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

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

Pastor: Dave Walker

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Am Thine, O Lord

Willim H. Doane; arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this day for praise!

Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts
reflect God's healing and restoring love. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and abundant love,
we have gathered here this day

to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love.

Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

* *Near to the Heart of God*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you know us so well.

We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves.

You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace.

You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice;

but we have far too often

turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love.

Forgive us for our stubbornness.

Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope.

Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you;

that you will guide our steps and our lives.

Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

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

(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:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP HECTOR

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"MERCY AND GRACE EVERY TIME"**

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of light and beauty,
every gift is from you.
Even our ability to give**

**is a blessing of your love.
We offer you what we have
and what we are.
Use our gifts
to give birth to a world of righteousness
where none are in need
and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.**

* *The Gift of Love*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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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 ~

***“The church is the church
only when it exists for others.”***

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~