

"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 15th, 2024

"17th 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

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

Sweet By and By

Joseph P. Webster; arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to follow Jesus.

But following Jesus isn't easy.

No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

It will change our whole lives.

Come, all of you.

Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom and truth, speak to us now.

Inspire us with your word.

Speak clearly to our hearts,

that we may walk in your ways and live in your love.

In the name of Christ, our Messiah, we pray. Amen.

* *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise, knowing God,

you see our hearts so clearly.

You speak to our lives so profoundly.

And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead.

**Even as we praise you with our mouths,
we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others with tongues of vicious fire.**

Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears.

Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip.

Forgive us for our willful ignorance

of the joy and gift you offer in your law of love.

Help us live in your love and walk in your truth,

that we might be your people, and you might be our God.

In Christ's name, we pray. 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.

* *We Utter Our Cry*

439 (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

James 3:1-12

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"NOT SIMPLY A TONGUE PROBLEM"**

* 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* # 70

* 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.

* *Where He Leads Me*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Fairest Lord Jesus*

189 (verses 1, 4)

***"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 ~