

# The **Plain** Truth.

A Series on The Human Condition & Divine Love  
September 7 - October 5



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
DALLAS

# Welcome to FUMC Dallas!

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 11am

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit.  
Assisted hearing devices are available upon request.

**UMH** - United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS** - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Prelude

*Grace to You*

Tim Effler, piano  
by Mark Blankenship

Welcome

Rev. Anna Bundy Hagler

\*Call to Worship

Gracious God, you call to us, with arms open wide.

**We give thanks for your unrelenting love  
and acceptance.**

For in Christ, you offered lessons of truth  
and the gift of grace.

**And we often take those blessings for granted.**

Through the abiding presence and guidance of the Spirit,  
**may we hear your kind invitation to return home and be  
celebrated as the beloved children of God.**

\*Processional Hymn UMH 529

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*Statement of Faith UMH 887

Bryon Romine

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither  
death nor life,**

**nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri UMH 70

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Rev. Hagler &  
Leah Bailey

Landon Miles Booe  
Abraham Phifer Dowdy  
Rhett Salem Eiserer  
Abigail Kittrell Gilstrap  
Bonnie Josephine Guynes  
Calvin Council Hairgrove  
Wilder James Wesley Holloway  
Thatcher Johnson  
Josephine Grace Ethun  
Moseley

Harrison Matthew Ramsey  
Robert "Bobby" Scripps  
Eliza Susanne Shrewsbury  
Maxwell Span  
Dawson Thomas  
Jude Richard VerHagen  
Lila Kate Wall  
Francis Evered Willis

Congregational Response:

**We will help you use your new Bibles. We will study the Scriptures even as we help you to do so. May God grant that these Bibles will be a source of faith, hope, and love.**

Announcements

Rev. Joe Stabile

Offertory Prayer

We invite you to give thoughtfully and generously during this morning's offering.  
Your gifts may be placed in the offering plate or at [fumcdallas.org/give](http://fumcdallas.org/give).

Offertory  
*Grace*

Chancel Choir; Dana Effler, director  
by Mark Hayes

\*The Doxology UMH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Stabile

**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.**

Sermon

Rev. Mitchell Boone

Amazing Grace  
Luke 15:11-32 (New Testament, p. 78)

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and the Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*Closing Hymn UMH 378

*Amazing Grace*

(verses 1 - 3 and 6)

AMAZING GRACE

\*Joining of New Members

Rev. Boone

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

\*Benediction

Postlude

*The Center of Grace*

by Heather Sorenson

Tully Donaldson & Evangeline Moseley, acolytes

Welcome! If you're here for the first time,  
we're so glad you're worshiping with us!  
*Your presence matters.*

We invite you to fill out the Connect Card  
in the pew pocket in front of you.

If you are a member or regular guest,  
it's so good to see you again.

Please open your Realm Connect app and check-in.

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at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium.

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