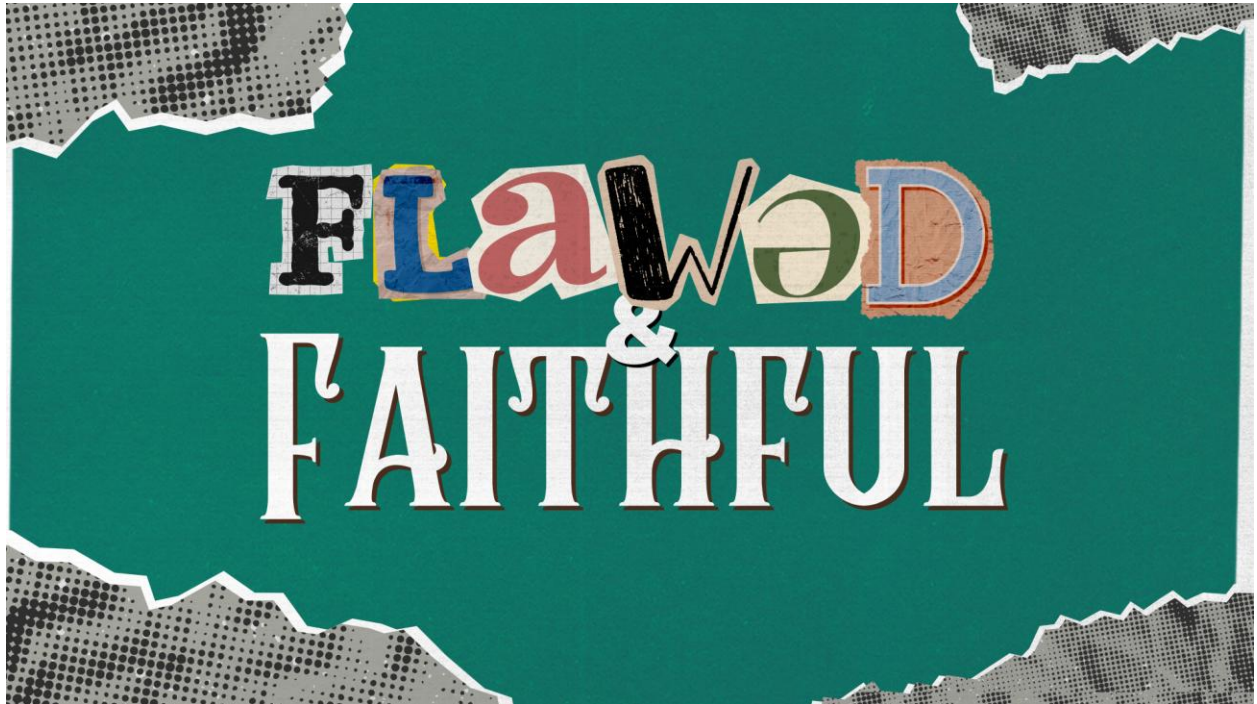


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OUR MISSION:

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world"

Order of Service

Sunday, October 18, 2026 11:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to Dalton First!
We are so glad you've
joined us today for worship.*

Opening Voluntary

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Dr. Alan Nichols

*If you are new here, we are
so honored to have you.
We invite you to stop by our
Welcome Center located in
the Atrium or Narthex to
receive our thank you gift
for your attendance today!*

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour

Elizabeth Hutchins

*You are invited to stand in
body or spirit for items
marked with an * and speak
aloud items marked in
bold print.*

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalms 25 and 26

Leader: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

**People: I have trusted in the Lord and
have not faltered. My enemies will
not triumph over me.**

Leader: Show me your ways, my God.

Teach me your paths.

**People: Trust in the Lord with all of your
heart and lean not unto your
own understanding.**

Leader: The Lord confides in those who fear
and trust him, he will make his
covenant known to them.

**People: Test me and try my, Lord, for I
have always been mindful of
your unfailing love.**

**ALL: God is faithful and steadfast to all
of us. Praise be to God, for he will
never leave or forsake you.
Let us worship God!**

Liturgist

*The lighting of the candles
reflects the "coming in" of
the Holy Spirit. We are
blessed by God's presence
every Sunday morning.*

*Opening Hymn

#140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Matthew Dean

*Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

*We always take a moment
to claim what we believe.
You are invited to join us as
we proclaim our faith.*

*Affirmation of Faith

Liturgist

#881 "The Apostles' Creed"

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the
Quick 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.**

*Gloria Patri

#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.**

*As we pass the peace, take
time to check in, fellowship,
and meet a new friend!*

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Don Landen

*All children (PreK-5th
grade) are invited to our
11:00 Children's Church on
the second floor. Please
pick up your child at the
Family Ministries Welcome
Center after the service.*

Children's Moment

Erin Smith

*Hymn of Preparation

#399 "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Matthew Dean

Generosity Matters

Hannah Hairston

*We invite you to worship
through giving by placing
your gift in the offering
plate, by scanning the QR
code below with your
phone, or by texting
DFUMC to 73256.*



*Today's offering will further
God's Kingdom and support
the mission of Dalton First.
We encourage you to be
generous and faithful!*

**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.**

Offertory Anthem

"Your Awesome Love for Me"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

**#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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-15 (NRSV)

Liturgist

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand. When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive yards that you did not plant.

“Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

A message outline is provided for you. Please turn in your worship guide to the last page. We encourage you to take notes during the message.

Message

"Choose This Day"

Rev. Don Landen

	*Closing Hymn	#383 <i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i>	Matthew Dean
	*Benediction		Rev. Don Landen
<i>Special thanks to our acolytes for helping us usher the light of Christ into the world.</i>	*Response to Benediction	#159 <i>"Lift High the Cross" (refrain)</i>	
<i>We hope you have a wonderful week! If you are new here at Dalton First we invite you to stop by one of our welcome centers and pick up a gift as you leave.</i>		Lift high the cross; The love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.	
	Recessional	<i>"March Jubilant"</i>	Zach Gibson

Service Participants:

Rev. Don Landen, Senior Pastor
 Matthew Dean, Director of Music Ministries
 Mat Napp, Director of Modern Worship
 Erin Smith, Interim Director of Family Ministries
 Elizabeth Hutchins, Host
 Elaine & John Mizell, Hospitality
 Lydia & Tom Bartley, Hospitality
 Brenda Griffin, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
 Zach Gibson, Organist
 Jason Oxley, Audio/Visual
 Bill Bowen, Liturgist
 Allie Claire Coon, Acolyte
 Chris Rehberg, Usher
 James Ross, Usher

Music:

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Your Awesome Love for Me"
"March Jubilant"

Isaac Watts (arr. Nichols)
 Neander/LOBE DEN HERREN (arr. Nichols)
 Cliff Duren
 (arr. Paul Fey)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:

Sympathy to Trisha & Procter Allen in the death of Trisha's sister, Ginger McKinnon
Sympathy to the family of Jane Clark

Past Concerns:

Sympathy to the Ward family in the death of Barbara's sister-in-law, Barbara King
Sympathy to Gizele Albert in the death of her brother, W.C. Warmack
Emma Tinney, Jan Roberts' friend
Hutton James Hall, Jan Roberts' family member
Maria Munguia, Yesica Munguia's mother
Alice Hairrell, Ronnie McClurg's friend
Alex Ware, Erin Ingersoll's friend
Mike Broadrick
David Painter, Doug Renz's friend
Margaret Crow
Chuck Blessing, Chris Blessing's cousin
Susan Reams
Dana & Johnny Bray, Dee Goodwin's friends
Hollon Kohtz, Jan Roberts' friend
Dana Easley
Vernon Jackson, Jennifer Blessing's father
Linda Jones, Tiffany Martin's mother

Family Members in Military and Related Services

Caleb Carlson - National Guard - Sylvia Carlson's grandson
Edgar Hernandez - US Marine Corps - Bridgeport, CA – Rod McClain's friend
Patrick McCormick - Taiwan - Bob McCormick's grandson
Sam Stuart - Army - Fort JBER - Anchorage Alaska - Kelly & Joey Stuart's son
Thomas Bruce Yandle IV - US Navy - Guam - USS Tripoli - Nancy & James Ross's nephew

Dalton Square

Kathryn McGuire
Vann Roberts

The Gardens at Royal Oaks

Bob McCormick
Ronnie McClurg

Life Care Center of East Ridge

Jim Chamblee

The Retreat

Lisa Burton
Barbara Renz

Regency Park

David Norman

Walnut Creek

Carl Smith
Elizabeth Arnold

Royal Oaks

Virginia Abernathy
Peggy Allen
Donna Barclay
Sylvia Carlson
Ben Walker
Betty Wright

If you have a prayer request, please contact Carey at 706-278-8494 or carey@daltonfumc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





OASIS

**Our OASIS messaging
has changed!**

Look for messages from Dalton First UMC with
OASIS NEWS in the subject line.

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Senior Pastor*

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