

Northgate United Methodist Church
June 7, 2020
Order of Worship
Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

God the Creator is present in our space.

The love of God is with us.

Jesus our Redeemer is present in our space.

The grace of our Lord is with us.

The Holy Spirit is present in our space.

The communion of the Spirit is with us.

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

**God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with us now and forever.**

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Holy, holy, holy God,
in calling forth creation from the void,
revealing yourself in human flesh,
and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us,
you manifest your concern for your whole universe.
You invite us, as your people,
to gather the world's needs into our hearts
and bring them before you. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast, vs. 1 & 4

UMH 616

**Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.**

**See him set forth before your eyes;
behold the bleeding sacrifice;
his offered love make haste to embrace,
and freely now be saved by grace.**

Community Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.

Today is the day

*God cares for the integrity of creation,
 wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.*

And so shall we.

Today is the day

*God embraces all hues of humanity,
 delights in diversity and difference,
 favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.*

And so shall we.

Today is the day

*God cries with the masses of starving people,
 despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
 demands justice for workers in the marketplace.*

And so shall we.

Today is the day

*God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
 rebukes the world's warring madness,
 humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.*

And so shall we.

Today is the day

*God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
 celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
 exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.*

And so shall we.

Today is the day

**God brings good news to the poor,
 proclaims release to the captives,
 gives sight to the blind,
 and sets the oppressed free.**

And so shall we.

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

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let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

Greeting to the Love Feast

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have all come to this place frail and broken. In a world of violence, hate, greed, and isolation, in a church searching to find the way forward, we look for healing through this restorative service of old. It is in this Agape Feast where adversaries become friends, friends become neighbors, and the Christian family embraces all. Let us come to a time of centering before we share the blessings of sweets and water or juice, just as the first Christians did in ancient times.

The history of the feast, as a celebration born simply out of love, generosity, and fellowship is beautiful. Christians today must be grateful for the resurrection of the celebration by the Moravians, and also for the vitality given to it by Charles Wesley! The feast is appropriate in any Christian setting and can nourish the hearts and souls of Christians in so many ways. At its most basic, the love feast is an experience of warmth and sharing, a commemoration of the early church. At its most symbolic, the love feast is a means of God's grace that is experienced in the fellowship with each other and with God. But the simplest explanation of the love feast, to which one can respond when asked, is that it is a way to remember Christ's presence on earth, and to celebrate with gratitude the spirit of God's love.

Anthem

Fill My Cup, Lord

Soloist, Jay Marsh

Scripture Reading

Matt. 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You (We) Can Make a Difference"

Pastor Freddie Orr

Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed through Jesus, your child and our brother. To you be glory forever.

As the piece of bread was scattered over the hills and then brought together and made one, so, let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

For yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever. AMEN.

The Agape (Love) Feast

Here before us, you will find some water or juice and some sweets. It is important to know that this feast is not a Eucharistic feast, but one of love and fellowship. Let us commemorate our unity through Christ, and feast on the spirit of love who is Christ.

(You may eat and drink)

The Blessing

I Need You to Survive
(Pastor Orr will read the blessing.)

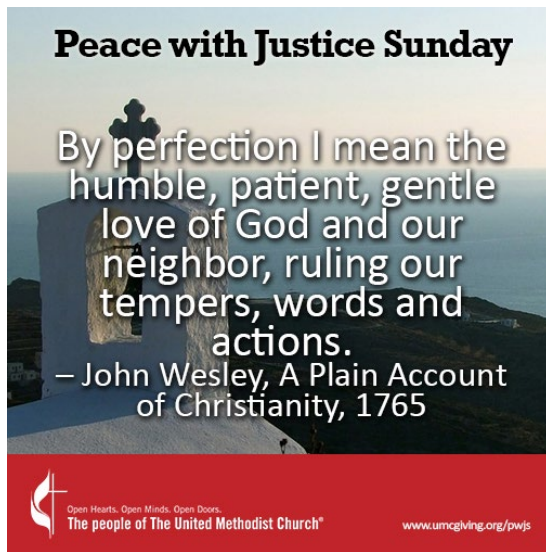
from Zion Still Sings #219

*I need you; you need me; we're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me; agree with me; we're all a part of God's body.
It is God's will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me; I need you to survive.
I pray for you; you pray for me; I love you;
I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth;
I love you; I need you to survive.
It is God's will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me; I need you to survive.
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Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders


Preacher Pastor Freddie Orr
Liturgist Valerie Orr
Music Director..... David Forbus
Accompanist Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



HOW DO YOU GET TO CHURCH WITH US ON SUNDAYS?

Join our live-streamed worship service starting at 10:45am Sunday.

The service will be presented online on FaceBook live, but you do not have to be a FaceBook user to watch it.

- Go to our website: www.northgateumc.org
- Scroll down to the bottom of the opening page to the lower right hand corner.
- Click on the  button and you'll be connected to the live stream.
- Enjoy this special community experience during worship.

- You may also access the service by using this link -

<https://www.facebook.com/Northgate-United-Methodist-Church-170310129989/>

If you somehow miss the live-stream, you will still be able to access the service through the website later.

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You may:

1. **Mail a check** to Northgate United Methodist Church at 3700 W. Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75062
2. **Drop a check** into the locked mailbox by the East side of the front main entrance double doors. Contents are not accessible without a key, so your donation will be safe. It is checked regularly.
3. **Online** through our conference offices via a link located on our website. Go to www.northgateumc.org; scroll to the bottom of the front/first page of the site; click on the "Donate Here" button and follow the instructions. Please note the complete name of the church: Northgate United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your generosity. We hope to "see" you Sunday morning! Be safe. Be Blessed.



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