

**Northgate United Methodist Church**  
**July 19, 2020**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

Has it been a tough week?

**So much has happened; some of it good, other things that are hurtful.**

The Lord has been with you in all that has happened.

**We need to see the loving presence of God.**

Open your eyes and see God's wondrous love active in your life.

**Lord, help us to take our focus away from our strife and place it on you. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord.

Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

*Grace Alone*

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**Every promise we can make,  
every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make  
is only by his grace.**

**Every mountain we will climb,  
every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind  
is only by his grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.**

**Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.**

**Every soul we long to reach,  
every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share his peace  
is only by his grace.**

**Every loving word we say,  
every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise  
is only by his grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.**

**Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.**

## Concerns of the Community

### Pastoral Prayer

Lord, we wonder about you. We look around us at the mighty power and majesty of nature, and it is easy for us to sing songs of praise for your creation. But then we look at the ways in which people treat one another. Too often, lying and cheating are touted as the ways in which we should live. We see deceit and anger, hostility and hatred, and we wonder where the visions of the angels descending and ascending are today. We long for times of peace and joy yet are drawn into the horrors of the world. Be with us, Lord. Help us see and feel your presence in our lives. Help us place our trust in you. For there is much work to be done in your world, and you have called us to this work. Guide our steps and guard our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Anthem

*Into My Heart*

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30

#### *The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat*

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Can We See the Good Amongst the Bad?"

Pastor Orr

**When we are called to sing your praise  
 with heart so filled with pain  
 that we would rather sit and weep  
 or stand up to complain,  
 remind us, God, you understand  
 the burdens that we bear;  
 you, too, have walked the shadowed way  
 and known our deep despair.**

**When we are called to sing your praise  
 and cannot find our voice,  
 because our losses leave us now  
 no reason to rejoice,  
 remind us, God, that you accept  
 our sad laments in prayer;  
 you, too, have walked the shadowed way  
 and known our deep despair.**

**When we are called to sing your praise  
 and life ahead looks grim,  
 still give us faith and hope enough  
 to break forth in a hymn,  
 a thankful hymn, great God of Love,  
 that you are everywhere;  
 you walk the shadowed way with us  
 and keep us in your care.**

Benediction

Pastor Orr

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher .....Rev. Freddie B. Orr, Jr.  
 Liturgist..... Jay Marsh  
 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](http://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.

### HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT NORTHGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

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](http://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.



**Traditional Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Live Online**

3700 W. Northgate Drive  
Irving, TX 75062  
972-252-8519

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## ANNOUNCING "SERMON BY PHONE" NOW AVAILABLE

Pastor Orr is now "phoning it in" – so to speak.  
There is a new option for hearing the sermon each week.  
The recorded Word will be available by phone Sunday afternoons.  
(unfortunately no specific time yet)

For Pastor Orr's recorded SERMON BY PHONE

**Call 972-203-8099**

You will hear a female voice say,  
"Welcome to Northgate United Methodist Church.

The sermon for Sunday, July 19 is, "Can You See the Good Amongst the Bad?"

If you try it this week, and she says, "The sermon for Sunday **July 12** is, "Will You Let It Grow?" – you'll know this week's sermon hasn't been posted yet, so just call back a bit later. Or if you missed last week's sermon, you can listen to it.

When Pastor Orr says "AMEN!" at the end of the sermon, the recording will stop and you may hang up.

- ✦ Be sure you have your phone volume UP.
- ✦ Using your phone's "Speaker" feature works very well – and may be more comfortable than holding the phone.
- ✦ You may dial in and listen as many times as you'd like - any time during the week.
- ✦ If you have ???s, please call the office – 972-252-8519 or Pastor Orr.

Enjoy "SERMON BY PHONE!"