

Northgate United Methodist Church
July 26, 2020
Order of Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love had conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God, you have given us a dream of yours close at hand, and it is ours to choose each day.
May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love, grow abundantly into
a realm of flourishing for all. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

He Is Exalted {2X}

TFWS 2070

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.**
**He is exalted, forever exalted,
and I will praise his name!**
**He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.**
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Holy God, you have blessed humanity with understanding and the ability to choose the good;
give to all leaders and people a vision of your world made whole, the wisdom to pursue it,
and the will to accomplish it. You have given your world the gift of Jesus to transform our suffering into
healing and hope. Be with all who suffer hardship, distress, or need, and help us to honor you by serving
together, as we grow in the mercy and compassion of Christ.

You blessed us with the gift of creation and call us to uphold its purpose of declaring your holy splendor. Join
us with the Spirit's movement in caring for your world as together we await our redemption from glory into
glory. We give thanks for the gift of hope that never ends and that we are more than victors through him who
loved us. We remember all who have died and give thanks that nothing can separate us from you, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Hymn

Jesus, Name above All Names (2X)

TFWS 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.**
**Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**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.**

Anthem

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**Pastor Orr, Soloist*

Scripture Reading

I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Have You Sought His Wisdom?"

Pastor Orr

Benediction

Pastor Orr


Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Freddie B. Orr, Jr.
 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.

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; 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
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972-252-8519

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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

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You will hear a female voice say,
"Welcome to Northgate United Methodist Church.
She will announce the date, and the title of the sermon.
You will then hear the sermon. This is not the entire worship service; it is the sermon.
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.
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