

Northgate United Methodist Church
July 5, 2020
Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Day Weekend

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Welcome this day to a time of rest.

We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Place your lives in the loving hands of God.

May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Trust in God who is always with you.

Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Wise and loving God, you know how we are. We have spent so much time getting ready for the summer months, planning when and how we shall relax and gain some peace in our lives. We have rushed around, and now we are exhausted. Our need for rest is so important, but we have let plans and schedules crowd in, shouting their demands on our time and energies. Forgive us, Lord, when we have focused so much time on these things and have not sought your healing, restoring love. Be with us as we enter into this summer period. Give us peace. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Since Jesus Came into My Heart, vs. 1 & 5

TFWS 2140

**What a wonderful change
in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul
for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul
like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.**

**I shall go there to dwell
in that City, I know,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy,
as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul
like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.**

Community Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People (Psalm 45, Romans 7, Matthew 11)

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
for the privilege of prayer.

Let us find our voice as we lift up our prayers:
Lift up your prayers for those who are burdened
by cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, and depression.

(Pause for silence.)

Lift up your prayers for those who are afflicted
with poverty, war, injustice, and the pain of loss.

(Pause for silence.)

Lift up your prayers for those who labor
to tell the gospel in all the world.

(Pause for silence.)

Lift up your prayers for those who carry the burden
of leadership in this church.

(Pause for silence.)

Lift up your prayers for the women, men,
and children in your lives.

(Pause for silence.)

Lift up your prayers for the deepest desires
of your hearts.

(Pause for silence.)

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who hears our prayers. **AMEN.**

Young Disciples Time

Eddie Burks

**There are some things I may not know,
there are some places I can't go,
but I am sure of this one thing,
that God is real for I can feel God deep within.**

**Yes, God is real, real in my soul;
yes, God is real for God has washed and made me whole;
God's love for me is like pure gold,
yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.**

**I cannot tell just how you felt
when Jesus took your sins away,
but since that day, yes, since that hour,
God has been real for I can feel God's holy power.**

**Yes, God is real, real in my soul;
yes, God is real for God has washed and made me whole;
God's love for me is like pure gold,
yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.**

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30 NRSV

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Thanks be to God.

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 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

God, who has given you rest and peace, will go with you as you leave this place. Feel the healing love of God in your life. Bring the good news of God’s love to all whom you meet. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

Today’s Worship Leaders

- PreacherRev. Freddie B. Orr, Jr.
- Liturgist.....Jay Marsh
- Music DirectorDavid 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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