

**Northgate United Methodist Church**  
**August 23, 2020**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

Life can sometimes be very difficult.

**We look around and wonder where God is.**

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

**God surrounds us with love and courage.**

Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

**Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence.**

**AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, we hear the wonderful words from Matthew's gospel in which Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God. He is given the name Peter, the rock upon whom the church will be built. We would like to be the kind of "rock" that Jesus could count on – to be strong in the face of adversity; brave when danger is present; compassionate when sorrow and strife prevail. You have called us to be your church and we ask for your transforming love that we might be better witnesses for you. Today we name in our hearts before you people that we love who are dealing with sorrow and illnesses; people who feel abandoned and alone; people who are entering schools and colleges, military service, the workforce. We also name those people and situations filled with joy and hope; a new home, the birth of a child, celebrations of special occasions, and often just a beautiful day. Hear the cries of our hearts to you, O God. Heal and transform lives. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

*We Would See Jesus, vs. 1 & 5*

UMH 256

**We would see Jesus; lo! his star is shining  
above the stable while the angels sing;  
there in a manger on the hay reclining;  
haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.**

**We would see Jesus, in the early morning,  
still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"  
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;  
Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

*Depth of Mercy, vs. 1 & 5*

UMH 355

**Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God his wrath forbear,  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?**

**Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my sins lament,  
now my foul revolt deplore,  
weep, believe, and sin no more.**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**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

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"But Who Do You Say I Am?"

Pastor Orr

Benediction



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



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


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Irving, TX 75062  
972-252-8519  
[www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org)

**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.

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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.

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.
- ▶ If you have ???s, please call the office – 972-252-8519 or Pastor Orr.