

Northgate United Methodist Church
September 13, 2020
Order of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating Grandparents & Grandchildren

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other: just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic power, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.

It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believe all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Loves never ends. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Northgate Grandparents & Grandchildren Recognized in Honor & Memoriam

The "Grand" connection is special – whether looking back or forward.

The memories, lessons, hopes and dreams are unique. Let's take a moment today to remember, appreciate and enjoy our "Grand" connections.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Hymn

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

**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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Jay Marsh, Soloist

Scripture Reading

John 3:13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Do You Believe?”

Pastor Orr

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher Pastor Freddie Orr
 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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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.
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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.

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