

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**January 3, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Epiphany Sunday & Communion Sunday**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

How can we keep still this day?

**There is joy in this place!**

Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

**Praise God who really loves us all!**

God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

**God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.**

Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

**Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.**

Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

**Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us.**

Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

**Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

*Grace Greater than Our Sin, vs. 1 & 4*

UMH 365

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

**Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?**

**Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin!**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

*A Modern Affirmation*

UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example  
of our blessed Lord, to the end  
that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. AMEN.**

Hymn

*The Summons, vs. 1 & 5*

TFWS 2130

**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown**

**in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

Young Disciples' Time

Anthem

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Scripture Reading

John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Can We Look upon His Face?"

Pastor Orr

Holy Communion, Table II

UMH 12-15

Invitation to Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence)*

*Hear the good news:*

*Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. AMEN.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

*The body of Christ, given for you. AMEN.*

*The blood of Christ, given for you. AMEN.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher .....Pastor Freddie Orr  
Liturgist..... Valerie Orr  
Music Director ..... David Forbus  
Accompanist..... Laura Benton  
A/V Team ..... Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh

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

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## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>



AZARIAH  
= SUSANNA =  
BEL AND THE  
DRAGON

THE DANIEL ADDITIONS

An Introduction to the Apocrypha

A four Week Study

Beginning Monday, January 18 6:30 pm

[www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org)

The study is based on the Greek version of the book of Daniel which includes the *Prayer of Azariah*, *Suzanna*, and *Bel and the Dragon* from the Apocrypha. There will be a thirty-minute video on the website each week followed by the Zoom discussion session. Info to sign up for the zoom session will also be on the website.

If you don't have a Bible with the Apocrypha, don't worry – the text will be included in each week's handout.

Send an email to [online.classes@northgateumc.org](mailto:online.classes@northgateumc.org) to get the zoom link.

### 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.

**For Sermon By Phone: Call 972/203-8099**

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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](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.