

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**January 31, 2021
Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

Jesus will offer hope.

Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus will bring us healing.

Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

He Leadeth Me: *O Blessed Thought*

UMH 128, vs. 1 & 4

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,

by his own hand he leadeth me;

his faithful follower I would be,

for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,

when by thy grace the victory's won,

e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,

since God through Jordan leadeth me.

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.**

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381, vs. 1 and 3

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;**

**thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.**

Young Disciples' Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Scripture Reading Scripture

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Can You Handle the Truth?"

Pastor Orr

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
..... Theodore Sappore

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Mondays 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, and 2/8 @ 6:30pm via ZOOM



**THE PRAYER OF
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

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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 on Mondays @ 6:30pm.

Don't worry if your Bible doesn't include the Apocrypha – each week's handout will include the passages being discussed.

Send an email to online.classes@northgateumc.org to get the zoom link or for any other questions.