

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**February 7, 2021
Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Communion Sunday**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore! AMEN!

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
touch us today...

God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,
reassure us today...

Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,
who bring justice in the midst of oppression
and strength in the midst of weakness,
pour out your spirit of power upon us today.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.

We confess our need to you,
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,
remembering the promises you have made to us.

May your name be glorified in us and through us.
We ask it through Christ Jesus,
your only begotten son,
he who is our Lord and our Savior,
our brother and our friend. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

UMH 438, vs. 1 & 2

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

Black History Moment

Mollie Bynum

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

All I Need Is You

TFWS 2080

**All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I need is you.**

**All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I want is you.**

**My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.
You are the source of all I need.
My only hope is you.**

Young Disciples' Time

David Forbus

Anthem

Open Our Eyes

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Work Is Never Done"

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!

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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.

Hymn of Commitment

What a Mighty God We Serve

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**What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!**

**Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!**

**Let us shout and praise God's name, let us shout and praise God's name,
let us shout and praise God's name, let us shout and praise God's name!**

**What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!**

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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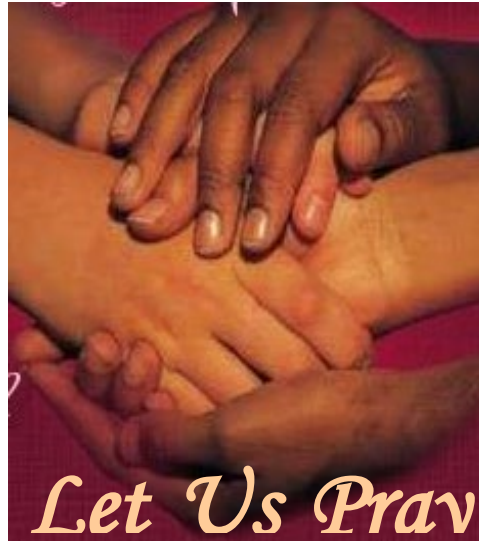


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2021 LENTEN STUDY: *Let Us Pray...*



Format:

- Weekly emails with prayers for each day of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday (2/17/21)
- Five 1 Hour ZOOM Discussion Calls @ 7 :00pm
Feb 23 (Tue); Mar 1 (Mon); Mar 8 (Mon); Mar 15 (Mon) ; Mar 23 (Tue)
Note : Advance sign-up is required to receive the ZOOM link. You may sign up via the church website, or by responding to the weekly prayer email.

This unique study – based on a different prayer each day – will guide us from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to the Resurrection at Easter.

Through Prayer we will explore other aspects of Lent:

- Preparation
- Reflection
- Reconciliation
- Renewal

During weekly ZOOM review sessions, we will consider questions such as:

- What is prayer?
- Is there a correct way to pray?
- Is it right to pray for personal gain?
- What have I discovered about myself and prayer?

We are hoping for 100% participation so we may all experience this enriched Lenten season together. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Orr.

2021 Lenten Study – *Let Us Pray . . .* An Introductory Message from Pastor Orr

Our world was turned upside down back in March of 2020. As the worldwide pandemic has spread across the globe, we have seen the loss of life, loss of jobs, loss of businesses, loss of family, loss of being able to be together, and the loss of gathering together to worship face to face. We have experienced a sense of division in our nation and great differences in how we feel about our government and our leaders. We have indeed been challenged by the events of 2020 and now those that are rolling into 2021.

I know in your own way you have been praying for all the concerns mentioned and even some that may not have been stated. As your Spiritual Director I would like to do something different for Lent this year. Historical thinking says we have to give up something for Lent. Since I've been here at Northgate, I've tried to get you to see you could *take on something, in place of giving up something*. It is all about doing something in a disciplined manner during our Lenten time.

I would like to invite you to enter into a time of Prayer during Lent; I do believe that prayer changes things and would like for us to enter into a daily prayer practice with a different designated prayer we would each pray each day. I will supply the prayers for each week. On Monday evenings we will have a ZOOM meeting to review and discuss the prior week's prayers and how we feel.

The first week's review will cover:

- What is prayer?
- Is there a correct way to pray?
- What are the basic elements of a prayer?

The second week's review will cover:

- Are our prayers heard?
- Are our prayers answered?

The third week's review will cover:

- Can we be selfish with our prayers?
- Is it right to pray for personal gain?

The fourth week's review will cover

- What have I discovered in this time of prayer?
- What have I discovered about myself and prayer?

The fifth week's review will cover:

- Where do we go from here?