

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**February 14, 2021
Order of Worship
Transfiguration Sunday**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

We have seen the light of God;
**on high mountains of celebration
and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**
We have seen the light of God;
**through the bitter scorn of betrayal
and the searing chasm of grief.**
We have seen the light of God;
**with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened,
with eyes that have been blinded.**
We have seen the light of God.

Opening Prayer

O Holy One,
on mountaintops and valley floors
you reveal to us the light of your love.
Our heart's desire is to bask in the amazing glory
of the divine presence.
With each encounter we are changed and transformed.
Draw us nearer
that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.
Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.
May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing,
bearing light into dark places,
hope to displace despair,
and love that casts out hate.
Our world is hurting
and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.
Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,
"Listen to my Child, the Beloved!" **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH 173, vs. 1 & 3

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Black History Moment

Theodore Sappore

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

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

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

UMH 258, vs. 1 & 5

**O wondrous sight! O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!**

**And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

Young Disciples' Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"We Can Tell the Story"

Pastor Orr

**I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.**

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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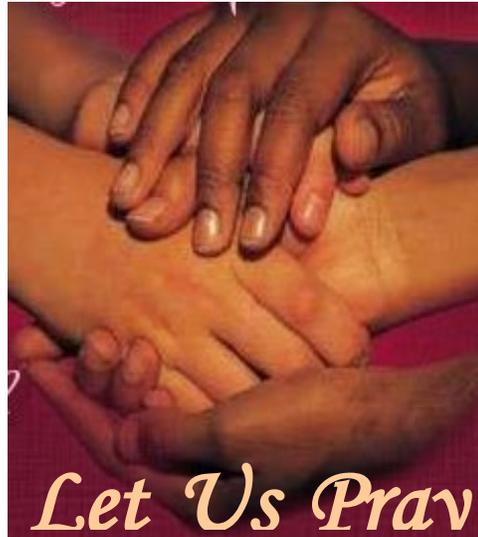


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2021 LENTEN STUDY: *Let Us Pray...*



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?