

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**February 21, 2021
Order of Worship
First Sunday of Lent**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Come! Let's worship God, who makes and keeps covenant.
Come! See the sign of God's promise in rainbow and rhythm.
Come! Let's worship Almighty God! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

God of storms and rainbows,
God of rain and sunshine,
God of all creation, we worship and adore you.

We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation
and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colours of a rainbow.
Like Noah and his family,
we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care
for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life.

And at Jesus' baptism,
the sky again revealed your love
when you identified him as your beloved Son,
strengthening him with the same Spirit
who empowers and strengthens each of us.

For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation,
we praise and worship you, O God,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

UMH 286, vs. 1 & 2

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!**

**What thou, my Lord, has suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

Black History Moment

Carol Huntley Little

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Hymn

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

UMH 287, vs. 1 & 3

**O Love divine, what has thou done!
The immortal God hath died for me!
The Father's coeternal Son
bore all my sins upon the tree.
Th' immortal God for me hath died:
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!**

**Behold him, all ye that pass by,
the bleeding Prince of life and peace!
Come, sinners, see your Savior die,
and say, "Was ever grief like his?"
Come, feel with me his blood applied:
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!**

Young Disciples' Time

Pastor Orr

Anthem

O How He Loves You and Me

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Let's Go to Work"

Pastor Orr

**Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
King Jesus preaching to the poor!
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Oh, wasn't that a happy day
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
when Jesus washed my sins away!
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
they fool all day and pray at night,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**My Lord's done just what he said;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
he's healed the sick and raised the dead;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

**Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
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I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

Today's Worship Leaders

PreacherPastor Freddie Orr
LiturgistValerie Orr
Music DirectorDavid Forbus
Accompanist Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh
..... Theodore Sappore

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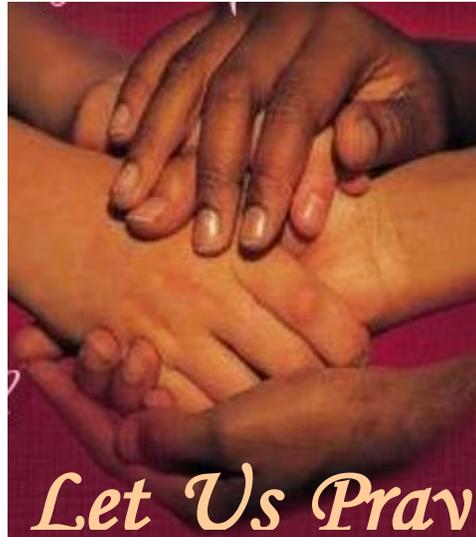


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2021 LENTEN STUDY: *Let Us Pray...*



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?