

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
April 11, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Second Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning  
as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and  
again the amazing news:

Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your  
Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your  
love to make us a new creation as a community of faith.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ.

**AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304, vs. 1 & 3

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought heaven's choirs; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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

*Christ Is Alive*

UMH 318, vs. 1 & 5

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Young Disciples' Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

*Christ Has Risen*

David Forbus

Scripture

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Sermon

"The Church, in the Beginning"

Pastor Orr

Hymn of Commitment

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

UMH 322, vs. 1 & 3

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

**Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

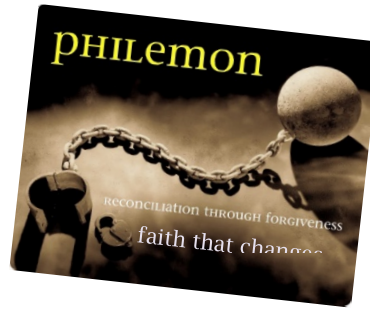
**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!**

**Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Benediction

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Preacher ..... Pastor Freddie Orr  
Liturgist ..... Gail Blythe  
Music Director..... David Forbus  
Accompanist ..... Laura Benton



## New Bible Study Begins Monday, April 19

**Philippians and Philemon**, a new 5-week online study, begins Monday, April 19. Paul wrote both of these short letters from prison, probably in Ephesus. In the five-week study, we will read and discuss both of these letters, Paul's situation, issues facing the Christian community, and basic Pauline doctrines found in these letters - e.g. "righteousness, which comes not from the Law, but from the faithfulness of Christ."

Videos will be posted to the website each Tuesday, and there will be a ZOOM discussion the following Monday at 6:30pm. The first video session will be available on the website ([www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org)) on **Tuesday, April 13**, followed by the **Zoom discussion** session at **6:30 pm on Monday, April 19**.

You may click on this Youtube link for more information: <https://youtu.be/Xgbs4qQCw80>

To join the ZOOM discussion, or for additional questions, please send an email to: [online.classes@northgateumc.org](mailto:online.classes@northgateumc.org).



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