

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
April 18, 2021
Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Doubt and fear are gone!
Light and hope abound!
Where we once felt alone and lost;
Christ has come to walk again with us.
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327, vs. 1 & 4

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

UMH 306, vs. 1 & 4

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee:
Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Young Disciples' Time

Pastor Orr

Anthem

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

David Forbus

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Why Now?"

Pastor Orr

Hymn of Commitment

Now the Green Blade Riseth

UMH 311, vs. 1 & 4

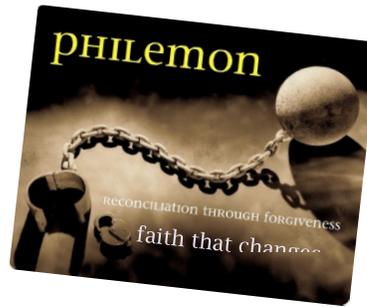
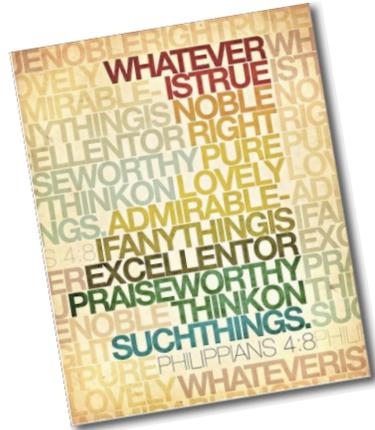
**Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher Pastor Freddie Orr
 Liturgist Gail Blythe
 Music Director David Forbus
 Accompanist Laura Benton
 A/V Crew Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



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 this 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) 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.



MOTHER'S DAY – May 9, 2021

Our tradition of honoring and remembering those women who have been influential in our lives continues. If you would like to honor or remember a special person with a donation to Northgate UMC, you may mail your donation to the church or drop it in the offering box on any Sunday. Please add a notation in the memo line of your check that it is for Mother's Day. Also, please include the name or names of those you wish to honor or remember.

You may make your donation using the Online Donation button at the bottom of our home page. Send the information on the person you'd like to recognize to the church office by mail or email (office@northgateumc.org). DEADLINE for submitting information is Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Find more information on the church website. (www.northgateumc.org)



Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 am

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