

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
May 2, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
Greeting

NOTE: † Congregation, please stand as you are able  
**Bold: Congregation, please respond together**

†Call to Worship

God is the True Vine.

**And we are the branches.**

Connected to God.

**Connected to bear fruit!**

Connected to God.

**Or we wither away.**

Connected to God.

**Or useless!**

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!**

†Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose love is beyond understanding, whose mercy is beyond comprehension—we lift up our hearts to you in prayer. Though we were captives of our sinful and rebellious ways, your love has released us. You have freed us to experience divine love in our own lives. Your atoning love has freed us from the penalty of sin, which was rightfully ours to pay. How can we express our thanksgiving, except to praise your name and to allow your love to be seen in us? Grant to us a determined faith and a fervent love, that we might be reflections of your divine grace. In the name of the One who is love, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

UMH 641

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.**

**Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.**

**Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;**

**fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

✠Hymn

*One Bread, One Body*

UMH 620, vs. 1

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Young Disciples' Time

David Forbus

Anthem

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Choir

✠Scripture

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Fruit You Bear"

Pastor Orr

Holy Communion

Table II

UMH 12-15

INVITATION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
and 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.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**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!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
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

Become to Us the Living Bread

UMH 630, vs. 1 & 3

**Become to us the living bread  
by which the Christian life is fed,  
renewed, and greatly comforted:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**May Christians all with one accord  
unite around the sacred board  
to praise your holy name, O Lord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

‡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

**Your Information Needs to Get to Northgate by Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to Be Included!**



## **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](mailto:office@northgateumc.org)).

DEADLINE for submitting information is Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Find more information on the church website. ([www.northgateumc.org](http://www.northgateumc.org))

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

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