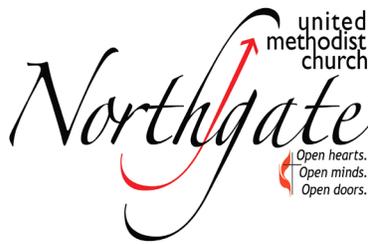


*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
May 16, 2021
Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday**

Prelude
Greeting

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

†Call to Worship

Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as He is lifted from us into heaven!

But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

We are the hands and feet of Christ.

Let's get to work! AMEN!

†Opening Prayer

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and the heart and spirit of Christ. Make us ready and willing to serve you all the days of our lives.
AMEN.

†Opening Hymn

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own;
his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715, vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
th'archangel's voice; the trump of God
shall sound, rejoice!**

Young Disciples' Time

Gail Blythe

Anthem

He Lives

David Forbus

‡Scripture

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Ascension"

Gail Blythe
Designated, Lay Speaker

‡Hymn of Commitment

Go Ye, Go Ye, into the World

TFWS 2239

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and make disciples of all the nations.**

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and I will be with you there!**

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and take the gospel to all the people.**

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and I will be with you there!**

**Go ye, go ye into the world, and
tell the story to all believers.**

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and I will be with you there!**

‡Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher..... Gail Blythe
Designated Lay Speaker
Liturgist Debbie Marsh
Music Director..... David Forbus
Accompanist Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



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

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CHRIST HAS NO BODY ON EARTH BUT YOURS,
NO HANDS BUT YOURS,
NO FEET BUT YOURS.

*Yours are the eyes through which Christ's
compassion for the world is to look out.
Yours are the feet with which
He is to go about doing good;
and yours are the hands with
which He is to bless us now.*

~St. Teresa of Avila