

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
July 11, 2021
Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Beginning a 7-week Series on Ephesians: "A Worthy Life"
Week One: "Blessed"**

Prelude
Greeting

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

†Call to Worship

Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!
May the king of glory come into our midst.
Who is this king of glory?
This king of glory is our savior Jesus Christ.
Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.
May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing now and forever.
AMEN.

†Opening Prayer

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369, v. 1 & 3

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

‡Hymn

Blessed Be the Name

UMH #63

**Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

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.**

Young Disciples’ Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

Bless His Holy Name

Jay Marsh, Soloist

‡Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Blessed”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

Bless Thou the Gifts

UMH 587

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
 bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
 Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
 the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

‡Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

PreacherPastor Jennifer Kilpatrick
 Liturgist Gail Blythe
 Music Director..... David Forbus
 Accompanist Laura Benton
 A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



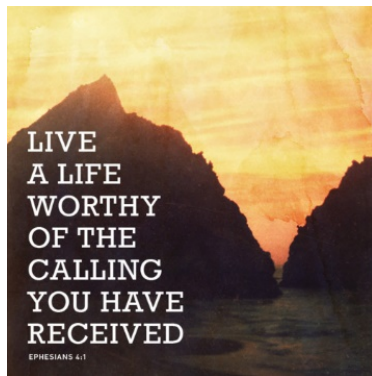
Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.

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Seven-week Sermon Series

Ephesians:

"A Worthy Life"

July 11 "Blessed" (1:3-14)

July 18 "One in Christ" (2:11-22)

July 25 "A Prayer from an Apostle" (3:14-21)

August 1 "The Body of Christ" (4:1-16)

August 8 "A Way of Life" (4:25-5:2)

August 15 "Children of Light" (5:15-20)

August 22 "The Power of God" (6:10-20)