

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
July 25, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
7-week Series on Ephesians: "A Worthy Life"  
Week Three: "A Prayer from an Apostle"**

Prelude  
Greeting

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

**Bold: Congregation, please respond together.**

†Call to Worship

We gather together to worship God,  
**seeking to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit.**

We hope to be rooted and grounded in love  
**as people called to love one another and to love God.**

May God give us the power and to know God more fully  
**that we may know Christ's love and shine Christ's light to others.**

†Opening Prayer

Holy God, bless our lives, sanctify us,  
and in your way, grant us our hearts' desire.  
Anoint us with your grace, that what we desire is also what you desire.  
Help us to understand that our hearts' true desire is the love of you.  
May the love of Christ urge us on, may we walk by faith.  
Thank you, God, for all our blessings. **AMEN.**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

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

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

UMH 404

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
out his mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so shine,  
ask my Lord if all was mine.**

**Every time I feed the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**Jordan river runs right cold,  
chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track,  
runs to heaven and right back.**

**Every time I feed the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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**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

Charlie Walden

Anthem

*Take Time to Be Holy*

David Forbus

‡Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"A Prayer from an Apostle"

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn    *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*    UMH 352

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my brother, not my sister,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my brother, not my sister,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the preacher, not the deacon,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not the preacher, not the deacon,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my father, not my mother,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my father, not my mother,  
but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

‡Benediction

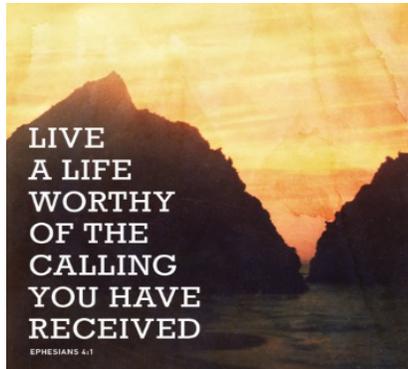
Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Pastor 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"**

*Week 1 - July 11 "Blessed" (2:11-22)*

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

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

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

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

*Week 6 - August 15 "Children of Light" (5:15-20)*

*Week 7 - August 22 "The Power of God" (6:10-20)*