

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
August 15, 2021
Order of Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
7-week Series on Ephesians: "A Worthy Life"
Week Six: "Children of the Light"**

Prelude
Greeting & Announcements

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

†Call to Worship

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's hands.**

†Opening Prayer

Eternal God, source of wisdom and understanding, your ways lead the upright of heart.

Give us wise and discerning minds, that we may seek your wisdom above earthly riches, as Solomon did after the death of his father, David.

Grant us pure and unblemished souls, that we may speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Be with us in this time of worship, that we may learn to discern good from evil and seek to live our lives with your wisdom and your grace. **AMEN.**

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,
all through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
all through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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, for ever. AMEN.

Blessing of the Backpacks

‡ Hymn (*David*)

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

UMH 679, vs. 1 & 3

**O splendor of God's glory bright,
O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light's living spring,
O day, all days illumining.**

**The Father, too, our prayers implore,
Father of glory evermore;
the Father of all grace and might,
to banish sin from our delight.**

‡ 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

Pastor Jennifer

Anthem

Light of the World

David Forbus

‡Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Children of the Light”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206, vs. 1 & 2

**I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

God Be with You

**God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet again,
O, God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet again.**

‡ Postlude

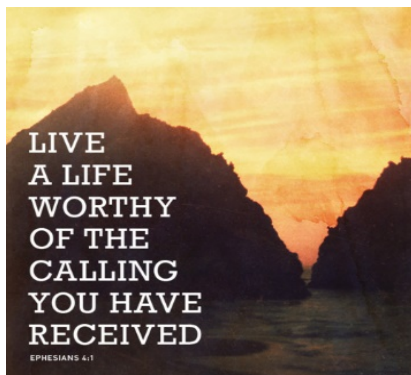
Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Pastor Jennifer Kilpatrick
Liturgist Gail Blythe
Music Director..... David Forbus
Accompanist.....Laura Benton
A/V TeamCary 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)

COMING UP

Beginning August 29th, Pastor Jennifer will present a nine-week series titled
"Fruit of the Spirit"
You won't want to miss it!