

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
August 29, 2021
Order of Worship
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Beginning the 9-week Series on "The Fruit of the Spirit"
Week One: "Love"**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

NOTE: † Congregation, please respond together.

† Call to Worship

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. AMEN.

† Opening Prayer

Holy God, we come before you today,
full of hope, full of desire, full of promise.

Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us,
that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us.

Help us face the turmoil within us and around us,
that we may face the future unafraid.

Show us your way, your truth and your life. **AMEN.**

‡ Opening Hymn

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so, my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.**

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.

‡ Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

‡ 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

Jesus Loves the Little Children

David Forbus

‡ Scripture

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-26

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Fruit of the Spirit: Love”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Closing Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

**There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.**

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

**It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.**

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

**It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.**

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

‡ 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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Nine-week Sermon Series: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Week 1 – August 29 "Love" (Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:9-13)

Week 2 – September 5 "Joy" (Luke 1:39-45)

Week 3 – September 12 "Peace" (John 14:25-31)

Week 4 – September 19 "Patience" (Job 6:1-13)

Week 5 – September 26 "Kindness" (2 Samuel 9:1-7)

Week 6 – October 3 "Generosity"

Week 7 – October 10 "Faithfulness"

Week 8 – October 17 "Gentleness"

Week 9 – October 24 "Self-Control"