

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
October 10, 2021  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Laity Sunday  
Nine-week Series on "The Fruit of the Spirit"  
Week Seven: "FAITHFULNESS"**

Prelude  
Greeting

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

†Call to Worship

We gather together to worship,  
knowing that God is already here among us;  
**knowing that there is nothing that separates us  
from the presence of our Lord.**

Wherever we are, wherever we go,  
God is near.

**So let us worship with confidence and hope,  
knowing that God is already with us,  
and that He stands eager to meet us  
and bless us with His love.**

†Opening Prayer

Ever faithful God, we know that you are with us in every breath we take.  
We know that you are with us at the hour of our death and beyond.  
Strengthen our faith that we may recognize your presence in our lives and all around us.  
In Jesus' Holy name we pray. **AMEN.**

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

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

*Blessed Assurance*

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**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, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of 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.**

**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.**

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus crucified, and risen  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

Young Disciples’ Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Jay Marsh

‡Scripture

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV 1984)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“FAITHFULNESS”

Gail Blythe

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

‡ 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..... Gail Blythe  
Designated Lay Speaker  
Liturgist ..... Charlie Walden  
Music Director..... Jay Marsh  
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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**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" (Luke 21:1-4)
- Week 7 – October 10 "Faithfulness" (Hebrew 10:19-25)
- Week 8 – October 17 "Gentleness" (Philippians 4:4-7; Matthew 11:28-30)
- Week 9 – October 24 "Self-Control" (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)