

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
October 31, 2021
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
Sermon: Not Far from the Kingdom**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

Bold: Congregation, please respond together.

†Call to Worship

We are people of God, determined to love.

We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We are people of God, determined to love.

We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity or favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable
because love imitates God's nature.**

**For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

†Opening Prayer

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies, we come to be your people, O God. Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, we come to be your people, O God. Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations, we come to be your people, O God. Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and we come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people today. **AMEN.**

‡Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

UMH 711, vs. 1 & 6

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

**All Saints Remembrance: Barbara Williams, Deborah McCray, Charissa Price, Ray Price
(a candle will be lit for each of our saints)**

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

Rejoice in God's Saints

UMH 708, vs. 1 & 4

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

**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

I Want to Be Ready

David Forbus

‡Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Not Far from the Kingdom”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

UMH 709, vs. 1 & 4

**Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.**

**Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.**

**Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear his trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.**

‡ 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..... Rev. 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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