

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
November 7, 2021  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
New Sermon Series: A Generous Life (Week 1 of 3)  
Sermon: The Transformation of Giving**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

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

†Call to Worship

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

**Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.**

†Opening Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92, vs. 1 & 6

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

‡Hymn

*He Has Made Me Glad*

TFWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

‡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

David Forbus

Anthem

*We Give Thanks*

David Forbus

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Transformation of Giving"

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy Communion

Table I

UMH 7-11

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
and who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

*(All pray in silence)*

*Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. AMEN.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.*

*By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.*

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.***

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

*The body of Christ, given for you. AMEN.*

*The blood of Christ, given for you. AMEN.*

‡Closing Hymn

*Give Thanks*

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,  
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."**

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"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."**

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**Give thanks! Give thanks!**

✝ THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

✝ Benediction

✝ Choral Response *Freely, Freely*

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

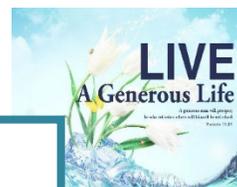
✝ Postlude

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



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**Upcoming Worship Services**  
Sermon Series **November 14, 21**  
"A Generous Life"  
Week 2 - November 14 "The Gift of Giving"  
Week 3 - November 21 "The Blessing of Giving"

**November 28, 2021**  
First Sunday of Advent  
Begin 7-week Advent Sermon Series  
"Come Home for Christmas" (week one of seven)  
**Scripture:** Luke 21:25-36  
**Sermon title:** "Time to Go Home"

