

*Our Mission:*  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples



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

Northgate United Methodist Church

November 21, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ Sunday

Sermon Series: A Generous Life (Week 3 of 3)

Sermon: The Blessing of Giving

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

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

### ‡Call to Worship

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. The ruler of the kings of the earth.

**Bread of heaven, God with us!**

Good shepherd, true vine!

**Eternal Word, Great I AM.**

Wonderful counselor, Prince of Peace!

**We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of Lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! AMEN.**

### ‡Opening Prayer

God of eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King.  
**AMEN.**

### ‡Opening Hymn

*Blessed Be the Name*

UMH 63

**Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

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Concerns of the Community

Prayers of Thanksgiving

## 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

*We, Thy People, Praise Thee*

UMH 67

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!**

**Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light  
tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee evermore!**

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!**

**For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,  
songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee evermore!**

‡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

*Thank You Lord*

Choir

#Scripture

Acts 20:32-38

**And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**

**When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.**

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Blessing of Giving"

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

#Closing Hymn

*We Believe in One True God*

UMH 85

**We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host;  
by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,  
who descended from his throne and for us salvation won;  
by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.**

**We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both fore'er proceeds;  
who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!**

‡ 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



***Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.***

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**November 28, 2021**

First Sunday of Advent

Begin 7-week Advent Sermon Series

**Scripture:** Luke 21:25-36

**Sermon title:** Time to Go Home

**Sermon series:** Come Home for Christmas (week one of seven)