

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

Northgate United Methodist Church

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sermon Series: See I Am Doing A New Thing (Part 5 of 8)

Sermon: Renew

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

Bold: Congregation, please respond together.

†Call to Worship

Come, whether you're more prodigal child or the one who follows all the rules; God's embrace has room for us all. No matter what brought you here, you are a valued member of the family of God.

Renew us, O God, and bring us back into right relationship with you and one another.

Come, and know that as we continue along this dusty Lenten road God waits with open arms to welcome us home.

Renew us, O God, and help us find wholeness in community with you and one another.

Come, encounter a God whose lavish love falls on the just and the unjust alike.

Renew us, O God, and grow our understanding for those we call "other."

You are welcome here, as your whole self. You are called, you are chosen, and you are loved.

Come and worship the God who renews.

May we take what's left of these forty days and commit to renewal in our relationships with God and one another. Come, let us worship!

†Opening Prayer

Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of your pasture; you call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and know that you are our true home. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213, v. 1 & 4

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

Depth of Mercy

UMH 355, v. 1 & 5

‡Affirmation of Faith

“A Modern Affirmation”

UMH 885

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. AMEN.**

Young Disciples' Time

Charlie Walden

Anthem

Changed

Choir

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Closing Hymn

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

UMH 365, v. 1 & 4

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

Go Now in Peace (2X)

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

‡ 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

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Continue 8-part Sermon Series

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Sermon title: Restore

Sermon series: See I Am Doing A New Thing
(part six of eight)