

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sermon Series: We Are Witnesses (Part 4 of 5)
Sermon: What God Called Clean**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

Bold: Congregation, please respond together.

†Call to Worship

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

†Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's name. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400, v. 1 & 3

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

Amazing Grace

UMH 378, v. 1, 3 & 6

‡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

Pastor Jennifer

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Jay Marsh

‡Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What God Called Clean”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH 580, v. 1 & 3

‡ 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..... 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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Upcoming Worship Services

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduate Recognition Sunday
Continue 5-part Sermon Series

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

Sermon title: Opened the Heart

Sermon series: We Are Witnesses
(part five of five)