

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



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

**Northgate United Methodist Church
September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon Series: Having Words with Jesus (Part 3 of 4)
Sermon: Debts are Tossed**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

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

Bold: Congregation, please respond together.

‡Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

AMEN.

‡Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us. And so we come before you in gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know you are here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

AMEN.

‡Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

‡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

Come, Share the Lord

Choir

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Sermon

“Debts are Tossed”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Musical Reflection

Prayer for the Presentation of Tithes & Gifts

Gail Blythe

Offertory

Doxology

UMH 94

‡Closing Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

‡ 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

Pastor..... 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

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Continue 4-part sermon series

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon title: Gulf is Crossed

Sermon series: Having Words with Jesus
(part four of four)

Come and join us for worship on Wednesday nights! We have a new worship service called Wednesday Night Worship at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday night. This month, we're worshipping in the Dome. Our services will last approximately 30 minutes, and they will include prayer, the reading of scripture, a devotional, and we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Our services will be casual, so there's no need to dress up (unless you want to)! Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us.