

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



“Sharing Your Story”

Mark 1:40-45

GOD CALLS US

PRELUDE—*I Love to Tell the Story* (Lani Smith)

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;
People: **Christ is in our midst.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: It is a good day to be here.
Many: **It is a good day to tell stories.**

One: It is a good day to give thanks.
Many: **It is a good day to ask for help.**

One: It is a good day to be in community.
Many: **It is a good day to worship God.**

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’.
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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

* **OPENING HYMN**—#480 *I Love to Tell the Story* (vs. 1, 3)

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

Refrain

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

Refrain

GOD RENEWS US

MORNING PRAYER & PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT—#72 *To God Be the Glory*, (vs. 1, 3)

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

As part of our Table-centered spirituality, the “peace of Christ” is offered as a sign of our reconciliation to God and neighbor. It is a visible symbol of our being
“a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world,” preparing us to
“welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”

COMMUNION HYMN—#408 *Come Share the Lord*, (vs. 1, 2)

*We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

People: Amen

Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us.

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We believe in “open communion” as a church, which means that we do not require you to be a member of Northway in order to participate in the service of the Lord’s Supper.
Remember what God has done for you in Christ and respond by faith.

You don’t have to have it all figured out or recite a creed;
it is not a requirement of the head, but an invitation addressed to your heart.

Committed to our value of an Open Table—inviting all to the table where our diversity finds unity in Christ.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY—#46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING—Mark 1:40-45

ANTHEM—*Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu (There’s No One in This World Like Jesus)*
Traditional Shona, Zimbabwe, (arr. by Patrick Matsikenyiri)

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu *There’s no one in this world like Jesus,*
Hakuna wakaita saye *There’s no one in this world like him.*
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu, *There’s no one in this world like Jesus,*
Haku, hakuchina. *There’s no one, there’s no one like him.*
Ndamhanya, mhanya, kwese, kwese. *I’m running, running, searching, searching.*
Ndatende rera kwese, kwese, *I’m turning, turning, searching, searching.*
Ndatsvaka, ,tsvaka, kwese, kwese, *I’m searching, searching everywhere.*
Haku, hakuchina *There’s no one, there’s no one like him.*

THE MORNING MESSAGE — “*Sharing Your Story*”

GOD SENDS US BACK INTO THE WORLD TO WITNESS AND SERVE

INVITATION

* INVITATION HYMN—#543 *Blessed Assurance* (v. 1,3)

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE—*Toccata in Bb, Op.24 No. 6* (Henry M. Dunham)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Virzola Law | *Senior Minister*, Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford | *Minister of Mission, Innovation & Operations*,
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A LOOK AHEAD AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 31

Tai Chi 10:30 AM Room F-102

Tuesday, February 1

Oasis & Catholic Charities 11:00 AM North Parking Lot
Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 2

Transformation Prayer 12:00 PM Call
Brown Bag Bible Study 12:15 PM Online / Parlor

RESET: A 6-week Series 6:30 PM Online
On Spiritual Health

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Zoom

Thursday, February 3

Faith & Justice Book Club 12:00 PM Zoom

Saturday, February 5

NTA DWM General Assembly 10:00 AM Room F-101

Welcome!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

Northway's mission is to share Christ with those seeking meaning and purpose. That's why, in addition to worship, we also provide ways for you to discover the God we know in Jesus Christ, to connect with one another, and serve others from our front doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

We want to help you take the next step in your own search for: a church home... deeper engagement with scripture... meaningful relationships... purpose in your life.

To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance.



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