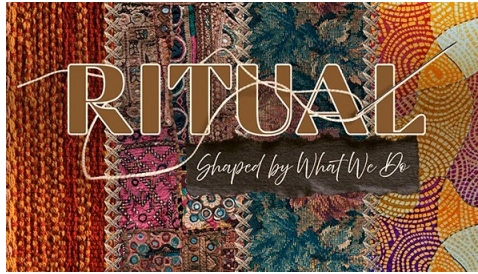


Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Exodus 3:1-6

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Every week we return, not because we are perfect, but because God meets us in the rhythm. As this flame flickers, may our hearts stay open.

Many: May our hearts stay open.

One: Holy One, ground us in Your love. Spirit aflame, draw our attention.

Many: Draw our attention again.

***OPENING HYMN — #24 *The God of Abraham Praise* (vv. 1-3)**

*The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!*

*God's spirit flowing free, high surging where it will—
in prophet's word it spoke of old— is speaking still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.*

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!*



Please register your attendance here:

Connect to NCC Guest Wi-Fi with password: **BeOurGuest!**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

WE RESPOND

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Adelaide Gilger

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

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 — #426 *The Voice of Jesus Calls His People* (vv. 1-2)

*The voice of Jesus calls his people, “Come to my table and be fed!”
For those who come to him believing, he is the Wine, he is the Bread.
All who are lost, or bear great burdens, all who need comfort or release,
come where the presence of Christ Jesus will nourish us with rest and peace.*

*Children and elders, men and women, whatever color, race or tongue,
in Jesus find themselves united, in him a home where they belong.
We hear your loving voice, O Jesus, we long, we hunger to be fed;
in joy we gather at the table where you are Wine, and you are Bread.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Lisa Gholston and Anne Pogson

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.**

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

People: Amen

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

People: Amen

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP — INTINCTION

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 — Elections at Northway

Neil Moseley

OFFERTORY

***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**

Neil Moseley

Following the Prayer of Dedication, children are invited to their own kid-friendly worship experience, *Worship Rocks!*
Children (preschool—K) will be escorted to the Nursery, while children (1st—3rd grade) will be escorted to F-102.
Following the worship service, your children will be waiting for you in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Exodus 3:1-6

Linda Brady

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God!

WORD IN SONG — *Lord, God of Abraham* (F. Mendelssohn; arr. Earl Willhoite)

Chancel Choir
Christiôn Draper, soloist

THE MORNING MESSAGE — Attention Opens Us

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

***INVITATION HYMN** — #452 *Here I Am, Lord* (vv. 1-3)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?* Refrain

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?* Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Scott Ayers

Following the worship service, an Elder will remain at the front
of the sanctuary to speak or pray with congregants.



A LOOK AHEAD...		
02/01 Student Blessing Banquet	11:45 am	F-101
02/01 After Church Choir Rehearsal	11:45 am	Music Suite
02/02 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-101
02/03 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
02/04 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
02/07 NTA Men's Quarterly Breakfast	8:30 am	FCC Lewisville
02/07 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9:00 am	Greater Garth Chapel
02/07 Grief Recovery Support Begins	10:00 am	Parlor
02/07 NTA DWM General Meeting	10:00 am	Warren Ave Baptist
02/08 Children's Music	9:00 am	F-202
02/08 Sunday School Classes	9:00 am	various locations
02/08 Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
02/08 Worship Rocks!	10:50 am	F-102 & Nursery
02/10 Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00 pm	F-104
02/14 Elders Meeting	9:00 am	F-103
02/15 Intergenerational Sunday	11:45 am	Sanctuary & Online
02/15 Fellowship Pancake Lunch	11:45 am	F-101
02/18 Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 pm	Sanctuary & Online
02/20 Chi Rho/CYF Midwinter Begins		Disciples Crossing

NORTHWAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen—Senior Minister
Rev. Chesna Barcroft—Minister to Children,
Youth, and Families
Leanne Seabright—Director of Music and Worship
Scott Ayers—Organist and Collaborative Pianist
Dawn Ziesmer—Children's Ministry Coordinator
Noelle Rivera—Youth Ministry Coordinator
Neil Moseley—Director of Community Engagement
Donna Schmidt—Children's Music Director

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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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