

Fifth Sunday in Lent



John 8:2-11; Matthew 23:23

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Many: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Many: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Many: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

One: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

Many: This is God's house.

One: You can make yourself at home here.

All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

***OPENING HYMN** — *God's Got Room* (Wood Street)

*God's got room for you here (x2). So bring your worries, bring your doubts,
bring your sorrow, bring your fear. Oh, God's got room for you here.*

*God's got love for you now (x2), and even if you tried to change it,
you don't have that kind of power. Oh, God's got love for you now.*

*You've been wonderfully made (x2). So look up child, take off your rags.
Come on, get out of that grave. Oh, you've been wonderfully made.*

*God's here waiting for you (x2) to step into the light of joy
and do the things you're made to do. Oh, God's here waiting for you.*

*God's got room for you here (x2). The mighty maker of your soul
longs to draw her children near. Oh, God's got room for you here.*



Please register your attendance here:

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

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Noelle Rivera

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 — #429 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (vv. 1, 2, 4)

FINEST WHEAT

Refrain: *You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.* Refrain

*Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?* Refrain

*You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.* Refrain

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Chrissy Lasater and Sue Ann Ruth

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

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.

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

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

Following the Prayer of Dedication during the worship service, children (preschool- K) will be escorted to the nursery, and children (1st - 3rd grade) will be escorted to F-102. After the service, your children will be waiting for you in the hall outside of the Sanctuary.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — John 8:2-11; Matthew 23:23

Harry Rahn

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 — *Like a Mighty Stream* (arr. Moses Hogan)

Chancel Choir

THE MORNING MESSAGE — The good news is...rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

*INVITATION HYMN — #546 *Amazing Grace* (vv. 1-4)

NEW BRITAIN

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

*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.

HOLY WEEK

LENT PRAYER GATHERING

Wednesdays thru April 1, 12:00 pm (or) 6:00 pm (Zoom)

Two time options available - choose whichever works best for you and meet us on Zoom for an old-fashioned prayer meeting. Visit events at northwaychristian.org for details.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE | March 29 at 10:15 am

Meet in front of the church or online

(worship.northwaychristian.org) to participate in a donkey-led palm processional. Worship continues in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL & SERVICE

April 2 at Northway | 6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm service

Royal Lane joins Northway for a meal and service in Fellowship Hall. **Please RSVP by Mar 23** to 214-361-6641 (ext 101), or mail@northwaychristian.org, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3, 7:00 pm at Royal Lane Baptist Church

Northway joins Royal Lane for a Good Friday Service at Royal Lane Baptist Church (6707 Royal Ln, Dallas 75230)

HOLY SATURDAY | Labyrinth & Prayer Stations

April 4, available 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Stop by between 9 am and 1 pm for a meditative walk on the labyrinth in F-101, then head over to the Sanctuary for a self-guided journey through the prayer stations.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES | Sunday, April 5

6:45 am | Sunrise Service at T. & P. Hill Park

(White Rock Creek, Dallas 75214) Northway and Wilshire Baptist Church are partnering for this early morning service.

9:45 am | Easter Egg Hunt

Takes place on the west lawn, behind the bell tower. Bring your own basket.

Flowering the Cross

(available before the 10:30 am worship service) Flowers will be available at the church, or you may bring your own.

10:30 am | Easter Worship Service

(Sanctuary and online at worship.northwaychristian.org)

2:00 pm | Fowler Worship Service

Juliette Fowler Communities
1234 Abrams Road, Dallas 75214

A LOOK AHEAD...		
03/22 After Church Choir Rehearsal	11:45 am	Music Suite
03/23 RSVPs due for Maundy Thurs Meal		
03/23 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-103
03/24 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
03/25 Online Lent Prayer Gathering	12 pm & 6 pm	Zoom
03/25 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
03/28 Diaper Distribution	10:00 am	Circle Drive
03/29 Sunday School Classes	9:00 am	Various locations
03/29 Transformations Class	9:00 am	Conference Room
03/29 Palm Processional (<i>with donkey</i>)	10:15 am	In front of church
03/29 Palm Sunday Service (<i>intergenerational</i>)	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
03/30 NCC Board Meeting	6:30 pm	F-102 & Zoom
03/30 Lily Dedications Due		
04/02 Maundy Thursday Meal	6:00 pm	F-101
04/02 Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm	F-101
04/03 Good Friday Service	7:00 pm	Royal Lane Baptist
04/04 Holy Saturday (<i>Labyrinth & Prayer Journey</i>)	9 am—1 pm	at Northway
04/05 Sunrise Service with Wilshire Baptist	6:45 am	T & P Hill Park
04/05 Easter Egg Hunt at Northway	9:45 am	West Lawn
04/05 Easter Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
04/05 Fowler Easter Service	2:00 pm	Juliette Fowler
04/12 Rise Against Hunger (<i>must register!</i>)	12:30—2:30 pm	F-101
04/18 Blood Drive @ Northway	12:00—5:00 pm	F-101

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

GIVING OPTIONS:

Online giving is available at northwaychristian.org
 or by texting NORTHWAY to 73256.

Gifts may also be mailed to the church office at
 7202 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75225

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.



Learn more about Northway at www.northwaychristian.org
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