

Third Sunday in Lent



Mark 6:32-44; Ephesians 3:20-21

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Neil Moseley

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: If you need good news,

Many: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,

Many: then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

Many: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

Many: then know that this is God's house.

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God

***OPENING HYMN** — #284 *Gather Us In* (vv. 1-4)

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.*

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

*We are the young—our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in—the rich and the haughty; gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*



Please register your attendance here:

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

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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*Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away,
here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Neil Moseley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

Following the Children's Moment, children (preschool - K) will be escorted to the nursery for Worship Rocks.
After the service, preschool aged children will be waiting for you in the hall outside of the Sanctuary.
Students participating in the musical will go to F-101 for rehearsal.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Cara Gilger

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 — #430 *Lo, I Am With You* (vv. 1-3)

PRESENCE

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world. (x2)

*Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.*

Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread. (x2)

*Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread.*

Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine. (x2)

*Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Cara Gilger

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Katie Hussey and Lisa Gholston

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION — Rise Against Hunger

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

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

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Mark 6:32-44; Ephesians 3:20-21

Tim Durst

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 — *In Meeting We Are Blessed* (Troy Robertson)

Chancel Choir

THE MORNING MESSAGE — The good news is...together, the impossible is possible

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

***INVITATION HYMN** — *Build a Longer Table* (vv. 1-4)

NOËL NOUVELET

*Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

*Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.*

*Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

*When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

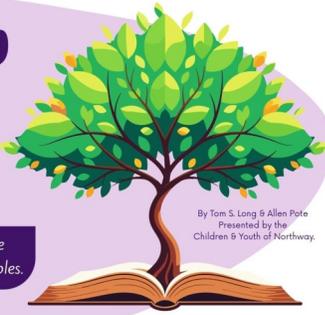
MUSICAL REFLECTION

Scott Ayers

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

Once Upon a Parable

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
11:45 am in F-101



Join us for lunch and a musical adventure through some of Jesus' most familiar parables.

DAI Dallas Area Interfaith

RELATIONAL MEETING TRAINING
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall at Northway Christian Church

RSVP here!



"Relational Meetings" have long been the bedrock of organizing. We'll learn from Civil Rights leaders like Ella Baker and Bob Moses as we hone our skills to identify and develop leaders.

Palm Sunday

March 29 | 10:15 am

Meet in front of the church or online to participate in a donkey-led palm processional.

Worship continues in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am.
(worship.northwaychristian.org)

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

Following the worship service on
SUNDAY, APRIL 12
12:30 - 2:30 pm (lunch provided)

MUST SIGN
Volunteer Release &
Waiver to Participate

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| A LOOK AHEAD... | | |
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| 03/08 Children's Musical & Fellowship Lunch | 11:45 am | F-101 |
| 03/09 Tai Chi | 10:30 am | F-103 |
| 03/09 Senior Adult Ministry Lunch | 11:30 am | F-101 |
| 03/10 Mobile Food Pantry | 11:30 am | North Parking Lot |
| 03/10 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | 1:00 pm | F-104 |
| 03/10 Dallas Area Interfaith Meeting (RSVP) | 7:00 pm | F-101 |
| 03/11 Lent Prayer Gathering | 12pm & 6pm | Zoom |
| 03/11 Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm | Music Suite |
| 03/14 Solomon's Porch (Men's Group) | 7:30 am | Music Suite |
| 03/14 Elders Meeting | 9:00 am | F-103 |
| 03/15 Children's Music | 9:00 am | E-112 |
| 03/15 Sunday School Classes | 9:00 am | Various locations |
| 03/15 Transformations—New Study Begins | 9:00 am | Conference Room |
| 03/15 Gathering's Loaves & Fish Ministry | 9:00 am | F-103 |
| 03/15 Sunday Worship Service | 10:30 am | Sanctuary & Online |
| 03/15 After-Church Choir Rehearsal | 11:45 am | Music Suite |
| 03/15 After-Church Youth & JYF Groups | 11:45 am | Youth Hall |
| 03/21 Garden Workday—volunteers needed! | 9:00 am | Greater Garth AMEC |
| 03/28 Diaper Distribution | 10:00 am | Circle Drive |
| 03/29 Palm Sunday Service (Intergenerational) | 10:15 am | Meet in front of church |
| 03/30 NCC Board Meeting | 6:30 pm | F-102 & Zoom |
| 04/02 Maundy Thursday—Meal (RSVP) | 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 (Labyrinth & Prayer Journey) | 9am—1pm | 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 |

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.

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