

First Sunday after Pentecost



Philippians 1:3-6; Psalm 107

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Linda Sanchez

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, people of God bring your stories, your gratitude, your witness. The One who rescued, restored, and began a good work in us is still moving in our midst.

Many: We give thanks for the One who began a good work in us.

One: Come, remembering God's faithfulness the God who gathers wanderers, stills storms, and leads us into safe harbor.

Many: We give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

One: Come, ready to reflect on the story our lives are telling stories of crying out and being heard, stories of wandering and being gathered home.

Many: We open our hearts to God's shaping love.

One: Come, for the God who calmed the seas is the same God who is still writing hope into our days, finishing the good work begun in us.

All: Thanks be to God for stories of grace. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Let our worship bear witness to the God who saves, sustains, and completes.

***OPENING HYMN** — #2 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (vv. 1, 2, 4)

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*



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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

*Mortals, join the happy chorus stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Linda Sanchez

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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 — #528 *Give Thanks* (vv. 1-3)

GIVE THANKS

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.* (repeat)

*And now let the weak say “I am strong”; let the poor say “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us.* (repeat)

Give thanks!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Jerry Hickman & 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

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.



The flowers on the chancel are in memory of Danny Willett given by his family.

OFFERTORY

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

OLD HUNDRETH

*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-103. After the service, your children will be waiting for you in the hall outside of the Sanctuary.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Philippians 1:3-6

John Ruth

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 — *What is the World Like* (Sally Ann Morris)

Chancel Choir

THE MORNING MESSAGE — What Story are You Telling?

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

*INVITATION HYMN — *O God Beyond All Praising* (vv. 1-2)

THAXTED

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

POSTLUDE

Scott Ayers

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

