



NORTHWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Zechariah 8:4-5

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: Come, beloved of God. Come with your memories of childhood.

Come with your longing for joy. Come with your hope that the world can be gentle again.

Many: We come as children of every age. We come with open hearts.

We come with expectant spirits.

One: There was a time when we played without fear. A time when the street was our world.

A time when laughter rose like morning light.

A time when imagination carried us farther than our feet could run.

Many: We remember those days. We honor those memories.

We open ourselves to joy once more.

One: The prophet speaks of a city where children fill the streets again.

A city where elders rest in peace. A city where delight is not rare but natural.

A city where God restores what fear once stole.

Many: We long for that city. We trust in that promise. We gather to build that hope.

One: Come, all who have carried too much. Come, all who have forgotten how to play.

Come, all who need the Spirit to loosen the soul and lift the heart.

Many: We come as one family. We come as one community.

We come as people who have all been children.

One: Let the streets fill again. Let laughter rise again. Let imagination breathe again.

Let joy find us and make its home among us.

All: We worship the God who delights in us. We worship the God who restores us.

We worship the God who fills the streets again. Amen.



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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around.*

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dawn Ziesmer

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

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 — #420 *I Come With Joy* (vv. 1, 3, 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Bill Cooley & Megan Rahn

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



The flowers on the chancel are in honor of NCC's Serve Ministry, given by Paul Schmidt.

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 — Songfest

Paul Schmidt

OFFERTORY

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Virzola Law-Allen

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Zechariah 8:4-5

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 — *Center of My Joy* (Richard Smallwood)

Robert Lathan

THE MORNING MESSAGE — ‘The Streets are Filled Again

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

***INVITATION HYMN** — *Draw the Circle Wide*

DRAW THE CIRCLE

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (2x)

No one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

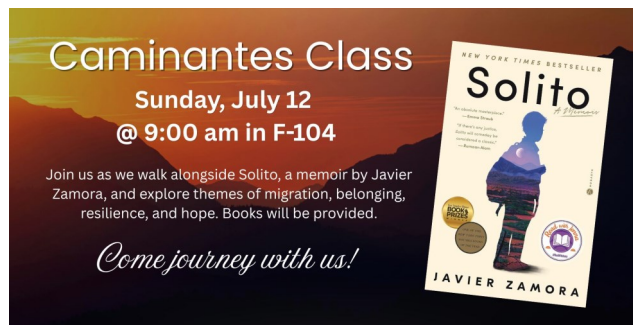
BENEDICTION

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.



We are thrilled to celebrate Northway's Student Minister, Linda Sanchez, on being selected as a recipient of a 2026 North Texas Area Grant. Through this grant, Linda will lead the *Caminantes Class*, a book study of *Solito*, Javier Zamora's moving memoir of migration, belonging, resilience, and hope.



A LOOK AHEAD...		
07/12 Youth Mission Trip Departure		San Diego, CA
07/13 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-101
07/14 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
07/14 Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00 pm	F-104
07/18 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9 am-12 pm	Greater Garth AMEC
07/19 Fidelis & Friends— <i>The Minor Prophets</i> Bible Study	9:00 am	Parlor
07/19 Caminantes Class— <i>Solito</i> Book Study	9:00 am	F-104
07/19 Transformations— <i>Inspired</i> Book Study	9:00 am	Conference Room
07/19 Songfest Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
07/19 Handbell Sessions Begin	11:45 am	Sanctuary
07/25 Solomon's Porch (Men's Group)	7:30 am	Music Suite
07/25 Diaper Distribution	10:00 am	Circle Drive
07/27 NCC Board Meeting	6:30 pm	F-102 & Zoom
08/05 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes	7:00 pm	Music Suite
08/09 Promotion Sunday	9:00 am	(during Sunday School Hour)
08/09 Intergenerational Sunday	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
08/09 Backpack Blessing	10:30 am	(during Worship Service)
08/12 Children's Music Resumes	9:00 am	E-112
08/12 Worship Rocks Resumes		(during Worship Service)

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
 Linda Sanchez—Student Minister
 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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