



Songfest

Singing as Communal Devotion



NORTHWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 19, 2026 | 10:30 am



SONGFEST

July 19, 2026 • Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • 10:30 am

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: We are the body of Christ!

Many: The hand-clapping, toe-tapping, justice-seeking, hymn-singing,
bread-breaking body of Christ!

One: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many: Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability,
we are members of the body of Christ!

One: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

Many: For only together can we find wholeness.

One: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

Many: For we are all connected. If one suffers; we all suffer.
If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

All: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one. Let us worship 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.*

*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, light years 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.*



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

Neil Moseley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Linda Sanchez

SINGING WELCOME TOGETHER

All Are Welcome (Marty Haugen; vv. 1-5)

TWO OAKS

See next page.

Crowded Table (The Highwomen)

Praise Band

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

COMMUNION HYMN — #425 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vv. 1-3)

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: *When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Katie Hussey and Rod Fisher

#307 *The Lord's Prayer* (sung)

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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, 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 — DAI Early Childhood Education Initiative

Lana Lozure

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

OFFERTORY — #82 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* (refrain as directed)

SPARROW

Two verses will be played together as a piano solo. As you listen, reflect on these beloved lyrics by Civilla Martin, which remind us of God's love and care for each of us - even the smallest sparrow.

When we reach the refrain, please join in singing this wonderful old hymn. — Scott Ayers

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

Refrain: ***I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. (2x)***

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**

Linda Sanchez

WE PROCLAIM

SINGING SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING — Colossians 3:16

Jerry Hickman

#90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (vv. 1-3)

MADRID

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

***Come lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***

***Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!***

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 133:1

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

#292 ¡Miren Qué Bueno! O Look and Wonder (vv. 1-3)

MIREN QUÉ BUENO

Estribillo: ¡Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es! (2x)

Refrain: O look and wonder, how good it is! (2x)

*Miren que bueno es cuando los creyentes están juntos,
Look at how good it is for us to be here all together,
es como aceite bueno derramado sobre Aarón. Estribillo
it is like precious oil that runs from Aaron's head and beard. Refrain*

*Miren que bueno es cuando los creyentes están juntos,
Look at how good it is for us to be here all together,
se parece al rocío sobre los montes de Sión. Estribillo
it is like Hebron's dew that falls upon the hills of Zion. Refrain*

*Miren que bueno es cuando los creyentes están juntos,
Look at how good it is for us to be here all together,
porque el Señor nos manda vida eterna y bendición. Estribillo
it is the promise of the Lord eternally to bless. Refrain*

#433 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vv. 1-2)

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

SCRIPTURE READING — Hebrews 10:24-25

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#487 *Help Us Accept Each Other* (vv. 1-4)

ACCEPTANCE

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

WE GO FORTH

SINGING PRAISE TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 149:1

Linda Sanchez

Forever (Chris Tomlin)

Praise Band

Majesty (Jack Hayford)

#543 *Blessed Assurance* (vv. 1-3)

ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.* Refrain

*Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.* Refrain

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

#442 *We Are Walking* (Siyahamba)

SIYAHAMBA

*We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking,
we are walking in the light of God.*

*We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,
we are singing in the light of God.*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Scott Ayers

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



The flowers on the chancel are in honor of Rob Brown and Vikki Martin on their 43rd anniversary.

Beginner & Review
HANDBELL SESSIONS
Sundays in the Sanctuary
 July 19, July 26, Aug 2, Aug 9
 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
 For Youth entering 6th grade - through to adults



**North Texas Area
 Disciples Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, August 1st
 8:30 am in F-101



NCC Board Meeting
 Monday, July 27, 6:30 pm
 in F-102 and on Zoom
Learn more at northwaychristian.org

**North Texas Area
 Disciples Women's General Gathering**
Saturday, August 8th
 in F-101
 10:00 am - Registration
 10:30 am - Gathering
 Lunch to follow



A LOOK AHEAD...		
07/20 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-101
07/21 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
07/25 Solomon's Porch (Men's Group)	7:30 am	Music Suite
07/25 Diaper Distribution	10:00 am	Circle Drive
07/26 Fidelis & Friends— <i>The Minor Prophets Bible Study</i>	9:00 am	Parlor
07/26 Caminantes Class— <i>Solito Book Study</i>	9:00 am	F-104
07/26 Transformation Class— <i>Inspired Book Study</i>	9:00 am	Conference Room
07/26 Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
07/27 NCC Board Meeting	6:30 pm	F-102 & Zoom
08/01 NTA Disciples Men's Breakfast	8:30 am	F-101
08/05 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes	7:00 pm	Music Suite
08/08 NTA Disciples Women's Gathering	10:30 am	F-101

NORTHWAY WORSHIP LEADERS:
 Rev. Virzola Law—Senior Minister
 Rev. Chesna Riley—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 Choir Director

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 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.