

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Genesis 16:7-15

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: We gather in a world that is beautiful and broken, a world longing for healing, peace, justice, and joy. So we begin with a simple question: What does the world need now?

Many: What the world needs now is love.

One: Love that welcomes, that crosses boundaries, that refuses to give up.
Love made visible in the life of Jesus.

Many: What the world needs now is love.

One: And what does that love feel like? It feels like remembering truthfully,
and walking forward faithfully.

Many: What the world needs now is a more expansive memory.

One: And what does love look like? It looks like letting one's imagination run free
without the need to explain, persuade or accomplish.

Many: What the world needs now is more beauty.

One: Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. So, with love in our hearts,
kindness in our lives, and music on our lips, let us worship God.

All: Let us worship together!

*OPENING HYMN — #86 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (vv. 1-3)

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*



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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.* Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!* Refrain

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Charles Darwin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dawn Ziesmer

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 — #398 *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near* (vv. 1-3)

BELMONT

*O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now,
while we, in love that hath no fear, before thy glory bow.*

*Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love—
the streams that thro’ the desert flow, the manna from above.*

*Awhile beside the fount we stay and eat this bread of thine;
then go, rejoicing, on our way, renewed with strength divine.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Ike Rahn and Rod Fisher

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 — Now-Forward

Lisa Wall

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. Chesna Barcroft

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Genesis 16:7-15

Amanda Willett

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 — *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (John Rutter)

Chancel Choir

THE MORNING MESSAGE — A More Expansive Memory

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

*INVITATION HYMN — #609 *Take My Life* (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

HENDON

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.*

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.

SANKOFA: An Adinkra symbol who's name means

"Go back and get it!"

—a command to pay attention to the lessons and practices of the past and to draw on them to inform the present and the future.

DELORES WILLIAMS challenges:

"Was Hagar's naming of God an act of defiance and resistance as well as an expression of awe?"

COLE ARTHUR RILEY teaches:

Remembering restores embodied dignity.

MONICA COLEMAN suggests:

Memory is part of making a way out of no way.

VIKTOR FRANKL, Holocaust survivor wrote:

"We have absolutely no control over what happens to us in life but what we have paramount control over is how we respond to those events."

JULIAN OF NORWICH whispers:

"All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN reminds us:

"Sureness about God's large resolve...is a summons... Now is the time for yielding justice, for foolish forgiveness, for outrageous generosity, for elaborate hospitality. None of these acts can come from fear, anxiety, or despair. But they are all acts that evoke new futures that the fearful think are impossible."

N.T. WRIGHT teaches:

"Those who are grasped by grace in the gospel and who bear witness to that in their loyal belief in the One God, focused on Jesus, are not merely beneficiaries, recipients of God's mercy; they are also agents."

A LOOK AHEAD...		
09/13 After Church Choir Rehearsal	11:45 am	Music Suite
09/14 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-102
09/14 Senior Adult Ministry Lunch	11:30 am	F-101
09/15 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
09/16 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
09/18-20 NTA Men's Regional Retreat		Lake Brownwood
09/19 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9 am—12 pm	Greater Garth AMEC
09/20 Children's Music	9:00 am	E-112
09/20 Caminantes Class	9:00 am	F-104
09/20 Transformations Class	9:00 am	Conference Room
09/20 Fidelis & Friends Class	9:00 am	Parlor
09/20 The Village Class	9:00 am	F-103
09/20 Back to Church Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
09/20 Reception for Leanne Seabright	11:45 am	F-101
09/26 Diaper Distribution	10 am—12 pm	Circle Drive
09/27 Worship Service (with JCU Choir)	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
09/27 Fellowship Potluck Lunch (with JCU Choir)	11:45 am	F-101
09/28 NCC Virtual Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom

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 Perry—Youth Ministry Coordinator
Neil Moseley—Director of Community Engagement
Donna Schmidt—Children's Music Director

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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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