

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**COME BEFORE THE LORD**

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

**People: We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.**

Leader: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

**People: We humbly praise God for such a gift!**

Leader: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

**People: Praise be to God at all times and in all places! Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*This Is My Father's World*

UMH #144 (v. 1)

**1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.**

#### **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

##### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. Amen.**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Silent & Pastoral Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## **HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Anthem**

Wilbur Lin

**Reading the Scripture**

Acts 6:1-7 NIV

- 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.
- 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.
- 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them
- 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

- 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
- 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**     *“Rise Up Church and Step Up”*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

UMH #710 (v. 1)

**1. Faith of our fathers, living still,  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word!**

***Refrain***

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From “Worship Connection: June 21, 2020,” by Nancy C. Townley, [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com).