

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</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: Something new is stirring in our church, O Lord.

**People: A different voice comes to us.**

Leader: Make us ready to receive this new Word

**People: Open our hearts and renew our spirits.**

Leader: Let us be the voice of welcome, the spirit of joy.

**People: Let us be those who bring the life-giving waters to**

**others. Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Brown #281 (v. 1)

**1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!**

**Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!**

**Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch angels in glory**

**Strength and honor give to His holy name!**

**Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,**

**In His arms He carries them all day long:**

**Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;**

**Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord of hope, when the dark clouds assail, you ask us to bear the light of your love and truth. When fears seem to immobilize us, you give us courage and strength to bear your witness. We thank you for your call to us. We praise you for your sustaining love for us. We honor you with our lives and our service to you; for it is in Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. 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**

Becky Stephans

**Reading the Scripture**

Acts 6: 8-15 NIV

- 6:8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.
- 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.
- 10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.
- 11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

- 12 So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin.
- 13 They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.
- 14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”
- 15 All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Rescue the Perishing*

UMH #591 (v. 1)

**1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
snatch them in pity, from sin and the grave;  
weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.**

*Refrain*

**Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From “Worship Connection: June 28, 2020,” by Nancy C. Townley, [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com).