

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 12th, 2020

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: God is our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.

***Singing**

Oh How He Loves You and Me Brown #570 (v. 1)

1. Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give;

Oh, how He loves you, Oh how he loves me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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 7:54-8:4 NIV

7:54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were
furious and gnashed their teeth at him.

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and
saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of
God.

56 “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing
at the right hand of God.”

57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their
voices, they all rushed at him,

58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile,
the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named
Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit.”

60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this
sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

- 8:1 And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.
- 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.
- 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.
- 4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* UMH #514 (v. 1)

**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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