

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting money in gifts of \$25, that will cover gifts for one box. Please mark an envelope with your amount and give to Gloria George or place in the offering plate. There are some boxes available if you wish to pack a traditional box. A family in the church will defray the cost of postage for every \$25 gift. November 15 is our goal!

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

People: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

Leader: Today God's love will be poured into your life.

People: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

***Singing**

I Am Thine O Lord

UMH #419 (v. 1)

**1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.**

Refrain

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious bleeding side.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Your love has brought us together, O Lord, and it is your love that sustains us through each day. We pray that you would keep us faithful. Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom, strengthen us to work with you to bring about, here and now, your reign on earth. Give us the courage to witness to your presence in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future. We pray in the name of the One who comes, Christ our Savior. 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

Reading the Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13 NIV

25:1 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

9 “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the

door for us!’

12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel *“Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning”*

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing** *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning* Brown #223 (v.1)

1. Brightly beams our Father’s mercy
From His lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

Refrain

Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
You may rescue, you may save.

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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