

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Frank's Tree: The Frank's Tree fundraiser will be going towards our capital improvements fund, such as future furnace replacement. Write Frank's tree on your offering envelope: \$10 a bulb - \$2,000 to fully light the tree.

Poinsettias: Thank you to everyone who donated money for the poinsettias. The printed list of dedications are by the doors on the bulletin board and the organ as well as scrolling on the screen before and after the service.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The Christmas tree lights have dimmed.

People: The once-wrapped gifts have been shared.

Leader: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.

People: Our spirits resound with the good news of salvation.

Leader: God is with us!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Singing**

There's a Song in the Air

UMH #249 (v.1)

1. There's a song in the air!

There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer

and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire

while the beautiful sing,

for the manger of Bethlehem

cradles a King!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this 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

Reading the Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 NIV

5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

"The Old is Gone"

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;**

**go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.**

Refrain

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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