

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

People: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

People: The darkness what surrounds us is gone!

Leader: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

People: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. Amen.

***Singing**

This Is the Day

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**This is the day,
this is the day
that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made.**

**Let us rejoice,
let us rejoice
and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.**

**This is the day
that the Lord hath made;**

**let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

**This is the day,
this is the day
that the Lord hath made.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know

that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

(Lord's Prayer during communion)

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

Reading the Scripture

Psalm 1 NIV

- 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
- 2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.
- 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
- 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows

away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor
sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the
way of the wicked leads to destruction.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“Psalm 1 – Blessed”

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Confession and Pardon

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Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silent confession)

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Everyone:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

A: 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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

After Communion Prayer

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

A Charge to Keep I Have

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**1. A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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