

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 21, 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: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

People: Where will this journey take us?

Leader: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

People: How much time do we have to get ready?

Leader: The time is now at hand for this journey.

People: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. Amen.

***Singing**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140 (v. 1)

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. 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

Psalm 66:1-16 NIV

66:1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

5 Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

6 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.

7 He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.

8 Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;
9 he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.
10 For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.
11 You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.
12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and
water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.
13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my
vows to you—
14 vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in
trouble.
15 I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will
offer bulls and goats.
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he
has done for me.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“Psalm 66 – Come and See”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Freely, Freely

UMH #389 (v.1)

**1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.**

Refrain

**He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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