

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Today we step up a little higher on our Lenten Journey

People: We are moving from contemplation to action.

Leader: Are you ready to take the next step?

People: Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.

Leader: Come, walk together on this journey to the Cross.

People: Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. Amen.

***Singing**

In the Garden

UMH #314 (v. 1)

**1. I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.**

Refrain

**And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship you today. 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 77:1-12 NIV

77:1 I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
2 When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched
out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.
3 I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my
spirit grew faint.
4 You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.
5 I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;
6 I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and
my spirit asked:
7 “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor
again?
8 Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed
for all time?
9 Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his
compassion?”
10 Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years when the Most
High stretched out his right hand.
11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember
your miracles of long ago.
12 I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty
deeds.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“Psalm 77 – Cry Out to God”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 (v.1)

**1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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