

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Leadership Team Meeting: Our next leadership team meeting is this Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 PM.

Spring Forward: Don't forget to move your clocks forward next weekend as daylight saving time begins next Sunday, March 14.

Easter Flower Orders: There are order forms for Easter flowers by the doors. Please have the forms returned in the collection plates by next Sunday, March 14.

Palm Sunday Luncheon: We are planning a boxed-lunch gathering for Palm Sunday, March 28.

Holy Thursday: Join us on the evening of Thursday April 1 for a Holy Thursday communion service.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

People: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

Leader: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

People: Lord, guide our steps.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. Amen.

***Singing**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH #715 (v. 1)

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For 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

Luke 15:11-32 NIV

15:11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

13 “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’

20 So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a

long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

- 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’
- 31 “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.
- 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“Second Chances”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Soon and Very Soon

UMH #706 (v.1)

**1. Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King; (Hallelujah!)
soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King; (Hallelujah!)
soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We’re going to see the King.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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