

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Leadership Team Meeting: The next Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday May 18th at 6:30 PM

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: It is not difficult to be God's beloved child.

People: We are called to obey God's commandments and live in God's love!

Leader: The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

People: The love of God shall conquer the world.

Leader: Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

People: Praise God for God's power and might, God's love and peace. Amen.

***Singing**

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

(v. 1&3)

**1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. 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 Proverbs 18:24 (The Message)

18:24 Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“Proverbs 18 – Friends”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH # 365

(v. 1&4)

**1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

Refrain

**Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?**

Refrain

**Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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