

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, September 26, 2021

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Leadership Team Meeting:** Reminder that the leadership team will be meeting this week on Tuesday September 28 at 6:30 PM

**World Communion Sunday:** World Communion is next Sunday, Oct 3rd. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper that morning.

**Church Meal:** The next Church Meal will be on Sunday, Oct 10th. After worship that morning we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy a wonderful time together.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

**People: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

Leader: We struggle and worry.

**People: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

Leader: Listen for God's call to you.

**People: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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(v. 1, 2, 3)

## PRAY UNTO THE LORD

### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's 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**

Joel 2:1-11 (NIV)

- 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand—
- 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.
- 3 Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert

- waste— nothing escapes them.
- 4 They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry.
- 5 With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle.
- 6 At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale.
- 7 They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course.
- 8 They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks.
- 9 They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows.
- 10 Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine.
- 11 The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Proclaiming the Gospel**

*The Prophet Joel and His Message*

### **RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

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(v. 1, 3, 5)

### **GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

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