

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 17, 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: Servants of God, lift up your heads—

People: That the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

Leader: Servants of God, lift up your hands—

People: That the Lord of life may bless our works!

Leader: Servants of God, lift up your hearts—

People: That the Lord of life may abide within!

ALL: The Lord of life will abide within!

***Singing**

He Leadeth Me UMH #128 (verses 1, 3)

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. 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

Jonah 1:1-3; 4:5-11 (NIV)

- 1:1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:
- 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”
- 3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.
- 4:5 Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.
- 6 Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.
- 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.
- 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”
- 9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”
- 10 But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up

overnight and died overnight.

11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Prophet Jonah and His Message

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

The Church's One Foundation UMH #545 (v. 1, 2)

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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