

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: The deadline to return your filled and unsealed boxes has been extended to Sunday November 14th.

Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 14 at 11:30am. Following worship we will stay in the sanctuary for our annual meeting where we will highlight the blessings of the past year and look forward to the mission of the coming year. A few brief reports will be given about our ministry goals and leadership roles. After the meeting we will dismiss to the fellowship hall for lunch together.

Time Change: Don't forget to "fall back" your clocks this Saturday night.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.

Leader: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.

People: When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.

Leader: Open your hearts today to God's gently leading.

People: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God all our days. Amen.

***Singing**

El Shaddai

UMH #123

(sing thru twice)

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and

**doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.
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

Nahum 1:1-8 (NIV)

- 1:1 A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
- 2 The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.
- 3 The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will

- not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet.
- 4 He rebukes the sea and dries it up; he makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.
- 5 The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it.
- 6 Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him.
- 7 The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,
- 8 but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Prophet Nahum and His Message

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus UMH #514 (v. 1, 2)

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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