

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Bible Study: The Tuesday morning bible study resumes January 11 when they will pick back up with chapter 12 of Revelation.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's love.

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen.

***Singing**

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145 (v. 1, 3)

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's re-creation of the new day!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

The 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

Matthew 1:18-23 (NIV)

- 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about : His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
- 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
- 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
- 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

And Dwelt Among Us

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Because He Lives

UMH # 364

(verses 1, 3)

**1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there
to prove my Savior lives.**

Refrain

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because he lives.**

**3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know he reigns.**

Refrain

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because he lives.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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