

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, March 6, 2022

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD** on Saturday evening, March 12th

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Long ago, God rescued God's people from slavery.

**People: We are enslaved today, in many different ways.**

Leader: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.

**People: Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.**

Leader: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,

**People: We will continue to follow God and trust in God's ways. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*O How I Love Jesus*

UMH #170 (v. 1 & 2)

**1. There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.**

*Refrain:*

**O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

**2. It tells me of a Savior's love,**

**who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea.**

*Refrain:*

**O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and “sweet-talked” into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. Amen.**

## **Joys & Concerns**

## **Silent & Pastoral Prayer**

*(Lord's Prayer during Communion)*

## HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

### Anthem

### Reading the Scripture

Romans 1:18-32 (The Message)

- 1:18 But God's angry displeasure erupts as acts of human mistrust and wrongdoing and lying accumulate, as people try to put a shroud over truth.
- 19 But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is!
- 20 By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse.
- 21 What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives.
- 22 They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life.
- 23 They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.
- 24 So God said, in effect, "If that's what you want, that's what you get." It wasn't long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out.
- 25 And all this because they traded the true God for a fake god,

and worshiped the god they made instead of the God who made them - the God we bless, the God who blesses us. Oh, yes!

26 Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either - women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men.

27 Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men - all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it - emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches.

28 Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose.

29 And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous,

30 fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggerers, insufferable windbags! They keep inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way.

31 Stupid, slimy, cruel, cold-blooded.

32 And it's not as if they don't know better. They know perfectly well they're spitting in God's face. And they don't care - worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best!

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Confronting Evil*

**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT**

**Confession and Pardon**

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**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silent confession)*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Everyone:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and**

**earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**A: Amen.**

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**A: 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.**

**Breaking the Bread  
Giving the Bread and Cup  
After Communion Prayer**

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

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(sing twice through)

**Majesty,  
worship his majesty;  
unto Jesus be all  
glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty,  
kingdom authority,  
flow from his throne unto his own;**

**his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high  
the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify  
Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty,  
worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: March 6, 2022", by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*