

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, April 24, 2022

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Bible Study:** The next study will be on 1 John beginning this Tuesday April 26 at 10 am.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: The darkness is banished!

**People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!**

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!

**People: Christ is alive forevermore!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah!**

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **\*Singing**

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH #304

(v. 1 & 2)

**1. Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Easter people, let us sing.**

**2. Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to**

**triumph over every foe.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On to victory now we go.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>2</sup>**

**Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. 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

John 20:1-9 (NIV)

- 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
- 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"
- 3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
- 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,
- 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.
- 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
- 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Lessons from an Empty Tomb*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Were You There*

UMH # 288

(v 1, 5, & last verse as printed)

**1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

*(were you there)*

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

*(were you there)*

*Refrain*

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to**

**tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

*(were you there)*

**5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*(were you there)*

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*(were you there)*

*Refrain*

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*(were you there)*

**6. Were you there when he rose up from the grave?**

*(Hallelujah Chorus)*

**Were you there when he rose up from the grave?**

*(Hallelujah Chorus)*

*Refrain*

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.**

*(Hallelujah Chorus)*

**Were you there when he rose up from the grave?**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From “Worship Connection: Easter Sunday 2022”, by *Nancy C. Townley*, *ministrymatters.com*

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