

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, July 31, 2022

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

**People: For God has dealt mercifully with us!**

Leader: Even when we turned our backs on God,

**People: God forgave us and restored us to life.**

Leader: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

**People: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140 (v. 1, 3)

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

### *Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

*Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our  
lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of  
compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in  
which you intend us to live and be of service to you by  
serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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 18:21-35 (MSG)

- 18:21 At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?"
- 22 Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.
- 23 "The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants.
- 24 As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars.
- 25 He couldn't pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.
- 26 "The poor wretch threw himself at the king's feet and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.'

- 27 Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.
- 28 "The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!'
- 29 "The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.'
- 30 But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid.
- 31 When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.
- 32 "The king summoned the man and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy.
- 33 Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?'
- 34 The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt.
- 35 And that's exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Be-Attitudes: Merciful*

### **RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH #395 (v.1, 2)

**1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.**

**Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

### **GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: July 31, 2022", by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)