

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes: Tuesday morning Bible Study has resumed meeting at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. This fourteen-week chapter-by-chapter study will focus on James, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.

People: But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.

Leader: We often want to have our own way in all that we do.

People: We have a difficult time trusting in God.

Leader: Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.

People: Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy. Amen.

***Singing**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

(v. 1, 3)

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. 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

Genesis 2:8-17 (NLT)

- 2:8 Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.
- 9 The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches.
- 11 The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found.
- 12 The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there.
- 13 The second branch, called the Gihon, flowed around the entire land of Cush.
- 14 The third branch, called the Tigris, flowed east of the land of Asshur. The fourth branch is called the Euphrates.
- 15 The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.
- 16 But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of

every tree in the garden—
17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its
fruit, you are sure to die.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Free Will

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Brown #351

**1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.**

**2. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.**

**3. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.**

**4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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