

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, September 4, 2022

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Lane of Roses:** Each year, Lane of Roses takes women out for coffee with the hope of further connecting them to God and community. \$5 covers the cost of a cup of coffee. There is a post card on the bulletin board with more information and a Venmo code to donate electronically. You can also write a check to Lane of Roses with "Cup of Coffee" on the memo line and mail them to Lane of Roses, P. O. Box 154, Lexington, KY 40588.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: We find it easy to say, "Yes, we will follow Christ."

**People: But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.**

Leader: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

**People: He is present with us at all times.**

Leader: Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

**People: Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

UMH #496

(v. 1, 3)

**1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!**

**that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.**

**In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!**

**thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love in to all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. 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**

Luke 18:18-30 (NIV)

18:18 A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

19 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

20 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’ ”

21 “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

24 Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to

- enter the kingdom of God!
- 25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
- 26 Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”
- 27 Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”
- 28 Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”
- 29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God
- 30 will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Only One Thing Left to Do*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Trust and Obey*

UMH #467

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and to all who will trust and obey.**

*Refrain*

**Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

**2. Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.**

*Refrain*

**Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way**

**to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

**3. But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.**

*Refrain*

**Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: September 4, 2022", by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)