

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, October 23, 2022

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

**SUNDAY LUNCH AT CHURCH:** The next church lunch will be Sunday, November 13th. After our worship hour we will hold a brief Church Conference, then we will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a holiday meal together. The menu includes turkey and dressing!

**NOTES FROM SUNDAY AFTERNOON:** A copy of the notes from the all-church meeting on October 16th to hear about the new Global Methodist Church is available to everyone. Feel free to pick up your copy. They are available on the tables by the doors.

**THE NEXT ALL-CHURCH MEETING:** To continue our efforts in discerning how God is leading our church, we will have another all-church meeting on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30pm. The

presentation will be about staying in the United Methodist Church. The presenter will be Rev. Suzanne Allen. We will arrange transportation for anyone who has issues with driving at night.

**OUR 2022 CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Every year we meet in the fall to make and approve a few annual reports. This year's Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 13th at 11:30am (immediately following worship). Afterwards, we will enjoy Sunday dinner together in the Fellowship Hall.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM:** The next meeting of the Leadership Team will be on Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** We have another video for you to watch about Operation Christmas Child.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

**People: Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.**

Leader: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**People: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.**

Leader: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

**People: Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

### **\*Singing**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

UMH #453

(v. 1, 2)

**1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!**

**Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.**

**This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;**

**more love to thee, more love to thee!**

**2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek; give what is best.**

**This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise 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**

*Simple Gifts of Thanks*

**Reading the Scripture**

Romans 3:21-26 (NIV)

3: 21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been  
made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all  
who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption  
that came by Christ Jesus.

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the  
shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to  
demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he  
had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time,  
so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith  
in Jesus.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*God's Provision*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Jesus is the Answer*

Brown #73

(v. 1, 2)

**1. If you have some questions in the corners of your mind,  
Traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find.  
Reflections of your past seem to face you ev'ry day,  
But this one thing I do know, Jesus is the way.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus is the answer for the world today,  
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way.  
Jesus is the answer for the world today,  
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way.**

**2. I know you've got mountains that you think you cannot climb,  
I know your skies are dark, you think the sun won't shine.  
Incuse you do not know that the Word of God is true,**

**And ev'rything He's promised, He will do it for you.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus is the answer for the world today,  
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way.**

**Jesus is the answer for the world today,  
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

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<sup>2</sup> *From "Worship Connection: June 21, 2020", by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com*