

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

OUR 2022 CHURCH CONFERENCE & MEAL: Immediately following worship, we will meet briefly to make and approve a few annual reports. Afterwards, we will enjoy a holiday meal together in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes turkey and dressing!

Operation Christmas Child: THANK YOU! for your generous response to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. You have donated over 50 boxes this year! What a blessing!

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: God's promises are awesome!

People: In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.

Leader: Something new is coming!

People: We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.

Leader: Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

People: Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord, to be ready to receive all that you have to offer. Amen.

***Singing**

Jesus Is All the World to Me

UMH #469

(v. 1, 4)

**1. Jesus is all the world to me,
my life, my joy, my all;
he is my strength from day to day,
without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go,
no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad,
he's my friend.**

**4. Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when
life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend,
beautiful life that has no end;
eternal life, eternal joy,
he's my friend.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. 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

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NIV)

- 4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.
- 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.
- 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

We Preach Not Ourselves

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

(v. 1, 2)

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

2. Have we trials and temptations?

**Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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