

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

MEETING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT: Our District Superintendent, Rev. Jenn Lucas, is coming to North Bend UMC to talk with us about all that's involved in leaving the denomination. IF we should decide to do that, we would have several steps to take. Rev. Lucas wants us to know about that process. She will be here on Wednesday, January 18th at 5:30pm.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING: The next meeting of our North Bend UMC Leadership Team is on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins a new study at its next meeting. The book of Exodus will be the focus. This eleven-week course will start on Tuesday, January 10th at

10:00am. We meet not only to study the Bible, but more importantly to listen to what God has to say to us.

EPIPHANY is the season that follows the twelve days of Christmas. It is the season of light. The first Sunday in Epiphany is January 8th. We will observe the sacrament of Communion that morning.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: How magnificent is all creation!

People: God's love is poured throughout all God has created.

Leader: God's love is poured out upon us each day.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

People: Let all the people praise God! Amen.

***Singing**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

(v. 1, 2, 4)

**1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!**

**2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 6:12, 17-22

6: 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you

shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Resolution

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

UMH #218

(v. 1, 4)

**1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.**

**4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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