

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, January 8, 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.

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias. Please plan on taking your poinsettia home after worship this morning. There will likely to be extra poinsettias, so feel free to take one even if you didn't donate money for one.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Welcome to worship this day!

**People: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**

Leader: They shall be given to you.

**People: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**

Leader: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

**People: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH #57

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.**

**3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

### **Joys & Concerns**

### **Silent & Pastoral Prayer**

## **HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

### **Anthem**

*Emmanuel, Mary Did You Know*

### **Reading the Scripture**

Exodus 20:18-20 (NIV)

20:18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*How to Keep Your Resolutions*

**WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE**

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**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT**

**Confession and Pardon**

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**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silent confession)*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Everyone:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy



Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**A: Amen.**

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**A: 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.**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**After Communion Prayer**

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*I Want a Principle Within* UMH #410 (v. 1, 2)

*(sung to "It Came upon the Midnight Clear")*

**1. I want a principle within  
of watchful, godly fear,  
a sensibility of sin,  
a pain to feel it near.  
I want the first approach to feel  
of pride or wrong desire,  
to catch the wandering of my will,  
and quench the kindling fire.**

**2. From thee that I no more may stray,  
no more thy goodness grieve,  
grant me the filial awe, I pray,  
the tender conscience give.  
Quick as the apple of an eye,  
O God, my conscience make;  
awake my soul when sin is nigh,  
and keep it still awake.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: January 8, 2023", by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*

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