

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, March 12, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Next Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm.

**LUNCH AND CONVERSATION:** The next church lunch will be Sunday, March 26 at 11:30am. Afterwards we will talk together about whether or not to stay United Methodist. This will just be a discussion - we will not be voting at this meeting.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** See the insert for ordering Easter flowers. Please have your orders turned in by next Sunday March 19.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings peace and forgiveness.

**People: Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.**

Leader: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings hope and healing.

**People: But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed.**

Leader: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

**People: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to receive your healing Word. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH #89

(v. 1, 2)

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. 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**

*Steal Away to Jesus*

**Reading the Scripture**

Exodus 20:15 (NIV)

20:15 "You shall not steal."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Eighth Commandment*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Brown #152

(v. 1, 3, 4)

**1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.**

**3. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages for Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.**

**4. Take my love, my God, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

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