

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 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: Please turn in your Easter flower orders today. If you did not get an order form last week, there are extras by the doors. Money can be turned in later, but the order has to be placed this week.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need;
we are released from fear.

**People: The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us
healing and pardon.**

Leader: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we
do not need to fear.

People: God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.

Leader: God will give us abundantly from God's own love.

**People: Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of
our days, and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore.
Amen.**

***Singing**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

UMH #90

(v. 1, 4)

**1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Alleluia!

**4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you
this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our
blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can
accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to
truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we
offer this prayer 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

Exodus 20:16 (NIV)

20:15 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Ninth Commandment

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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