

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

LUNCH AND CONVERSATION: Today after worship we will have a luncheon. Afterwards we will talk together about whether or not to stay United Methodist. This discussion is in preparation of the church conference vote that will be on Tuesday April 11 at 6:30 pm.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days,

People: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Leader: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

People: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Leader: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

People: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.

***Singing**

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92

(v. 1, 5, 6)

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

Refrain

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;**

Refrain

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:**

Refrain

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom
we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One**

who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk—places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 20:17 (NIV)

20:17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Tenth Commandment

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH #413

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.**

**2. To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill;
O may it all
my powers engage
to do my Master’s will!**

**3. Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant,
Lord, prepare
a strict account to give!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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