

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**SPRING FORWARD** Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 11th.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

### **\*Singing**

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

UMH #88

(v. 1, 4)

**1. Maker, in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive,  
for thy creating love.**

**Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song  
and echoes to the sky.**

**4. Eternal, Triune God,  
let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record  
and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled  
before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made  
thine everlasting praise.**

#### **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

##### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Joys & Concerns**

*(ask for prayer concerns)*

## **Silent & Pastoral Prayer<sup>2</sup>**

*(observe a moment of silent prayer and then continue with the prayer below ending with the Lord's Prayer)*

Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and to trust your grace. In faith and hope, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Guest Speaker, Tim Ralph*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

UMH #600

**1. Sing them over again to me,  
wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see,  
wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty  
teach me faith and duty.**

*Refrain*

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.**

**2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call,  
wonderful words of life;**

**all so freely given,  
wooing us to heaven.**

*Refrain*

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.**

**3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all,  
wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
sanctify forever.**

*Refrain*

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.**

## **GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

### **\*Receiving the Blessing<sup>1</sup>**

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God's blessing. Amen.

## **Postlude**

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