

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, April 16, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Leadership Team Meeting:** There will be a special leadership team meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 pm to start the next steps of the disaffiliation processes.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: Though darkness seems to envelop us.

**People: Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.**

Leader: Fears are banished!

**People: Hope is more than restored.**

Leader: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

**People: We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Christ Is Alive*

UMH #318

(v. 1, 5)

**1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**His cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**His love in death shall never die.**

**5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring**

**good news to this and every age,**

**till earth and all creation ring**

**with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. 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**

Acts 4:31-35 (NIV)

- 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
- 32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.
- 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all
- 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales
- 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Signs of Life*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

UMH # 359

(v. 1, 2)

**1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,**

**and did my Sovereign die?**

**Would he devote that sacred head**

**for sinners such as I?**

*Refrain*

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,**

**and the burden of my heart rolled away;**

**it was there by faith I received my sight,**

**and now I am happy all the day.**

**2. Was it for crimes that I have done,**

**he groaned upon the tree?**

**Amazing pity! Grace unknown!**

**And love beyond degree!**

*Refrain*

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,**

**and the burden of my heart rolled away;**

**it was there by faith I received my sight,  
and now I am happy all the day.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> *From "Worship Connection: April 16, 2023," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*

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