

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**TRAM:** All Non-perishable food, personal care, and household items are welcome. **Special needs this week: canned fruit, grape jelly, chicken noodle soup, bars of soap.**

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Can you hear the voice of God?

**People: We hear God calling us by name.**

Leader: Are you troubled or distressed?

**People: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.**

Leader: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**People: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

### **\*Singing**

*He Lives*

UMH #310

(v. 1, 3)

**1. I serve a risen Savior,  
he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him,  
he's always near.**

*Refrain*

**He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives,  
salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.**

**3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving,  
so good and kind.**

*Refrain*

**He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me**

**along life's narrow way.**

**He lives, he lives,**

**salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how I know he lives?**

**He lives within my heart.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. 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**

Ruth 2:1-12 (NIV)

- 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.
- 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter."
- 3 So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.
- 4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The LORD be with you!" "The LORD bless you!" they answered.
- 5 Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?"
- 6 The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi."

- 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."
- 8 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me.
- 9 Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."
- 10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"
- 11 Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before.
- 12 May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Rise Above Economic Walls*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH #428

(v. 1, 3)

**1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice**

**may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

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