

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

CHURCH LUNCH AND CONVERSATION: On June 11th we will worship, then move to the Fellowship Hall to eat lunch together (meal provided). Afterwards, we will talk about how we have finalized our disaffiliation process and what some of our affiliation options are. Then Mark Rowland of the Global Methodist Church will talk to us about what it means to be a part of the GMC and how we would join (if we so desire).

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: God has made us whole.

People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

People: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

Amen.

***Singing**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

(vs 1, 4)

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. 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

John 4:1-9 (NIV)

- 4:1 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—
- 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.
- 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
- 4 Now he had to go through Samaria.
- 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.
- 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"
- 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
- 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)
- 27 Καὶ ἐπὶ τούτῳ ἤλθαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐθαύμαζον ὅτι μετὰ γυναικὸς ἐλάλει· οὐδεὶς μέντοι εἶπεν· Τί ζητεῖς; ἢ τί λαλεῖς μετ' αὐτῆς.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Jesus Calls Us

UMH #398

(v. 1, 3, 5)

**1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"**

**5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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