

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 28, 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: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

People: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

People: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Leader: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

People: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

***Singing**

Spirit of the Living God

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**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

White Wings

Reading the Scripture

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

- 1:1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach
- 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
- 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of

God.

- 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
- 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.
- 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
- 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.
- 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Ascension Essentials

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Pardon

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Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silent confession)

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Everyone:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

A: 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.

Giving the Bread and the Cup

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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(vs. 1, 2, 4)

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and
do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,**

to do and to endure.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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