

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING: The next leadership team meeting is Tuesday June 20 at 6:30 PM.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!

People: The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.

***Singing**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

(vs 1, 3)

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction hope out of despair,
growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave
us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your
unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to
the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy
you give your 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

Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)

14:12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Outside the Box: New Friends

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

We Are the Church

UMH # 558

(vs. 1, 2)

Refrain

I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

**1. The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.**

Refrain

I am the church!

**You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

**2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.**

Refrain

**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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