Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 4, 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: O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Your glory shines from below and grows from above.

Leader: You bring wisdom from the youngest and most vulnerable of us.

People: You call forth delight in those who live both long and deep.

Leader: We look to your creation and find you everywhere.

People: We see you in the moon and the stars. O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

*Singing Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH #139 (vs. 1, 5)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

*Praying Together¹

Great Creator, who are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us? We don't know what we have done to deserve your love, God; maybe nothing at all. And yet, you give it freely, openly, enthusiastically—asking only that we receive it, hoping only that we share it. Come, and help us receive it. Come, and help us share it. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

(ask for prayer requests from the congregation, observe a moment of silent prayer, then continue with the prayer below or or other appropriate prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Silent & Pastoral Prayer²

(after a moment of silent prayer)

O creator and mighty God, hear the concerns that have been lifted up today. You have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray as Jesus taught us...

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

Choir Anthem

Reading the Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

- When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.
- Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Bob Hyland

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

*Singing Amazing Grace UMH # 378 (vs. 1, 2, 6)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

*Receiving the Blessing¹

People of God, receive God's greatest gifts—gifts of people and place. Go forth to share these blessings with the world. Know that the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit goes with you, now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

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