

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND CHURCH**

Sunday, July 2, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Three Rivers Collection:** We have been asked to collect dry-erase markers for Three Rivers School's back-to-school event. Dry-erase markers of all colors are needed. We need to have the markers collected by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: When we walk the pathways of destruction ...

**People: We are met by the God of peace and reconciliation**

Leader: When we sit and wonder if there is any way we can be of help ...

**People: We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.**

Leader: When we least expect it ...

**People: The Holy One through the Spirit offers us life-giving water!**

### **\*Singing**

*America the Beautiful*

UMH #696

(vs 1, 2)

**1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**2. O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord of hope, when the dark clouds assail, you ask us to bear the light of your love and truth. When fears seem to immobilize us, you give us courage and strength to bear your witness. We thank you for your call to us. We praise you for your sustaining love for us. We honor you with our lives and our service to you; for it is in Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

### **Joys & Concerns**

### **Silent & Pastoral Prayer**

## HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

### Anthem

### Reading the Scripture

Matthew 14:22-31 (NIV)

- 14:22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.
- 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,
- 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
- 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.
- 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
- 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
- 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
- 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"
- 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You

of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Hard Faith*

**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**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

UMH # 452

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Spirit divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,**

**O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!**

**2. May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire!**

**As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and  
changeless be,  
a living fire!**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: July 2, 2023 (Additional)" by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*.