

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND CHURCH**

Sunday, July 23, 2023

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume on August 8 at 10:00am. The focus will be the Book of Ephesians. Please plan to attend this in-depth and insightful meeting where the goal is not to study the Bible, but to listen to God speak to us.

**Leadership Team Meeting:** The next meeting of the leadership team will be Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 pm.

**Choir Practice Resumes:** Choir practice will resume starting Wednesday, July 26 at 7pm.

**Three Rivers Collection:** We have one more week to collect dry-erase markers for Three Rivers schools, due next Sunday, July 30.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: We wait with hope,

**People: for God's promises are sure.**

Leader: We wait with patience,

**People: for God's time is a mystery.**

Leader: Come and worship.

**People: We will wait upon the Lord together.**

### **\*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!**

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**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*

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all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided;**

**great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>2</sup>**

**Caretaker of our souls, you search us and know us; you are acquainted with all of our ways. Your Spirit hems us in, behind and before. You discern our thoughts from afar. If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us, and your might shall hold us fast. How can we bear such wonder? How can we fathom such awe and splendor? Breathe your Spirit upon us, and claim us as children of light, that we might be found worthy of your love and care. 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**

Matthew 20:1-16

20:1 “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 and said unto them, ‘Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you.’ And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said unto them, ‘Why stand ye here all the day idle?’

7 They said unto him, ‘Because no man hath hired us.’ He said unto them, ‘Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.’

- 8 So when evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said unto his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.'
- 9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
- 10 But when the first came, they supposed they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
- 11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the master of the house,
- 12 saying, 'These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'
- 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I do thee no wrong. Didst thou not agree with me for a penny?
- 14 Take that which is thine and go thy way. I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
- 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?'
- 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Proclaiming the Gospel

*God is Waiting for You*

### RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

**\*Singing**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UMH # 526

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?**

**Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;**

**take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

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