

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND CHURCH

Sunday, July 30, 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.

New Beginnings Celebration: To celebrate our new beginning in the Global Methodist denomination, we are planning a special service on **Sunday, August 20th at 10:30am**. During the worship hour we will hold a *Ceremony of New Beginnings*. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Sing God's praise.

People: Give thanks to the Lord above.

Leader: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

People: Proclaim God's wonderful works.

Leader: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

People: Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love.

***Singing**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH #158

(vs 1, 2)

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Lord of preparation and transitions, we are already halfway through our summer months. We sit and wonder where the time went, did we spend it well in your service. Give us these next few weeks for renewal that we may be prepared to work through your church for your world. Keep us mindful of the needs of family, friends and others, that we will be your faithful disciples, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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 8:18-27 (NIV)

8:18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake.

19 Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

21 Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him.

24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.

25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

26 He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

27 The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Hard Faith: Obedience

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Trust and Obey

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(vs. 1, 4)

**1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and to all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.**

Refrain

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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