

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND CHURCH

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

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: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Singing**

O How I love Jesus

UMH #170

(vs 1, 2)

**1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.**

Refrain

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

**2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.**

Refrain

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life's storms and raging waters, be with us in our time of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys, that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" 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

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

- 12:7 Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.
- 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.
- 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.
- 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Hard Faith: Suffering

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Are Ye Able

UMH #530

(vs. 1, 4)

**1. "Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"**

**"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."**

Refrain

**Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.**

**4. Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,**

**and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.**

Refrain

**Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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