

Good Morning!  
***North Bend Church***  
*a Global Methodist Congregation*

**\*\* Celebration Day! \*\***  
*a Historic Day of New Beginnings*

Sunday, August 20, 2023  
*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Today is Celebration Day!** Today we celebrate our new beginning in the Global Methodist denomination. We will have a special ceremony at the end of our worship. The program for that is inserted in your bulletin. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings!

**People: We celebrate what God is doing in our midst.**

Leader: We remember the glorious blessings of the past.

**People: We are thankful for all the Lord has done to bring us to this day.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!

**People: We praise God for this new day, and for the hope we have for tomorrow.**

**\*Singing**                      *There's Something About That Name*                      UMH #171  
(twice)

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!**

**Master, Savior Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:**

**Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,**

**but there's something about that name!**

## PRAY UNTO THE LORD

### **\*Praying Together**

**Loving God, Lord of all, you make all things new! On this day of new beginnings, we pray that you make us new. Renew**

**our hope to see a brighter future. Renew our strength to carry out our commission. Renew our courage to step out in faith. Renew our love for one another. Renew our passion to serve our neighbors. Renew our souls with a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Take joy, O God, in the renewal of your church. 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**

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)

1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus

Christ is revealed.

14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Hard Faith: Holiness*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH #395

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.**

**Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;**

**thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

**CELEBRATION DAY! CEREMONY**

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**Postlude**