

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

People: We look around and wonder where God is.

Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

People: God surrounds us with love and courage.

Leader: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

People: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. Amen.

***Singing**

My Jesus I Love Thee

UMH #172

(v. 1, 2)

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;

for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;

if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,

and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;

if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray 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

Mark 16:9-14 (NIV)

- 16:9 When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.
- 10 She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.
- 11 When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.
- 12 Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.
- 13 These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.
- 14 Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Hard Faith: Believing the Unbelievable

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH #714

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.**

Refrain

**But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.**

**2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.**

Refrain

**But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed**

unto him against that day.

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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