

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND CHURCH**

Sunday, August 6, 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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Welcome to worship this day.

**People: Thank you. We're glad to be here.**

Leader: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling.

**People: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.**

Leader: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

**People: Praise be to God who continually abides with us.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

UMH #160

(vs 1, 5)

**1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.**

*Refrain*

**Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**5. Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forevermore.**

*Refrain*

**Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. 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**

Luke 14:25-35 (MSG)

14:25 One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them,

26 "Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters - yes, even one's own self! - can't be my disciple.

27 Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.

28 "Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it?

29 If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you:

- 30 'He started something he couldn't finish.'
- 31 "Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other?"
- 32 And if he decides he can't, won't he send an emissary and work out a truce?
- 33 "Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple.
- 34 "Salt is excellent. But if the salt goes flat, it's useless, good for nothing. "Are you listening to this? Really listening?"

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Hard Faith: Sacrifice*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*I Surrender All*

UMH #354

(vs. 1, 4)

**1. All to Jesus I surrender;**

**all to him I freely give;  
I will ever  
love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.**

*Refrain*

**I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**4. All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power;  
let thy blessing fall on me.**

*Refrain*

**I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

## **\*Receiving the Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: August 6, 2023," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*