

Good Morning!

***North Bend Church***  
*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, September 10, 2023  
*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Bible Study** resumes this week, Tuesday, September 12.

**Leadership Team** meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30pm.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Welcome to this community of faith.

**People: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.**

Leader: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

**People: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.**

Leader: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

**People: Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

UMH #175

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

**1. Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.**

**2. O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!**

**4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord of mercy and light, you have called us out of the darkness of our lives into the light of your love. Your love encourages and sustains us always. We praise and thank you for all the blessings we have received throughout our lives. 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

John 4:25-30; 39-42 (NLT)

- 4: 25 The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
- 26 Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!”
- 27 Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, “What do you want with her?” or “Why are you talking to her?”
- 28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,
- 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”
- 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.
- 39 Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!”
- 40 When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,
- 41 long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.
- 42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him

ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*I AM the Messiah*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Precious Name*

UMH #536

(vs. 1, 3)

**1. Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.**

*Refrain*

**Precious name,** (Precious name,)

**O how sweet!** (O how sweet!)

**Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**Precious name,** (Precious name,)

**O how sweet!** (O how sweet, how sweet!)

**Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**3. O the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,  
and his songs our tongues employ!**

*Refrain*

**Precious name,** (Precious name,)

**O how sweet!** (O how sweet!)

**Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**Precious name,** (Precious name,)

**O how sweet!** (O how sweet, how sweet!)

**Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup>*From "Worship Connection: September 10, 2023," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*