

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, September 17, 2023
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

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

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

People: The Lord is our strength and our power!

Leader: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

People: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. Amen.

***Singing**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH #176

(twice)

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name. Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. 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 6:30-35, 47-51 (NIV)

6:30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may

- see it and believe you? What will you do?
- 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written:
'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "
- 32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has
given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives
you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world."
- 34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."
- 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to
me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never
be thirsty.
- 47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.
- 48 I am the bread of life.
- 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died.
- 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which
anyone may eat and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever
eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I
will give for the life of the world."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

I AM the Bread of Life

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

(twice)

**Fill my cup Lord,
I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench
this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
fill my cup, fill it up
and make me whole.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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