

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY resumes on Tuesday, October 31st at 10:00am.
The next study will be on the Old Testament book of Zephaniah.

Operation Christmas Child 2023 Video

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

People: God created all that is!

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

People: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. Amen.

***Singing**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH #110

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this 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

John 14:5-12 (NIV)

- 14:5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
- 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”
- 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”
- 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
- 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his

work.

11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

(vs. 1, 3)

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹*From "Worship Connection: October 29, 2023," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com.*