

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

ANNUAL CONFERENCE The very first meeting of the Allegheny West Annual Conference will be held October 12-14 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. North Bend Church is now part of the Allegheny West Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. We are sending Dennis George as our delegate to the Annual Conference this year.

The purpose of each annual meeting is to gather clergy and lay delegates from each congregation who worship together, celebrate God's church, ordain new pastors, and strategize for effective and faithful ministry. Above all, remembering our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

CHARGE CONFERENCE The North Bend Church will hold its 2023 Charge Conference on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:15pm. This is our annual meeting to complete denominational forms necessary to prepare for ministry in the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting should last about a half hour.

BIBLE STUDY We have completed our study of Ephesians. We will take a three-week break and resume 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: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

People: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

Leader: Here you will find nourishment and hope.

People: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

Leader: Here you will find rest from your struggles

People: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people. Amen.

***Singing**

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH #189

(vs. 1, 4)

**1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Gracious God, you have called us to be your faithful witnesses. We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again to you, living in your household of freedom and peace, of reconciliation and witness. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name.

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 10:30-38 (NLT)

10:30 The Father and I are one.”

31 Once again the people picked up stones to kill him.

32 Jesus said, “At my Father’s direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?”

33 They replied, “We’re stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God.”

34 Jesus replied, “It is written in your own Scriptures that God said to certain leaders of the people, ‘I say, you are gods!’

35 And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. So if those people who received God’s message were called ‘gods,’

36 why do you call it blasphemy when I say, ‘I am the Son of God’? After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world.

37 Don’t believe me unless I carry out my Father’s work.

38 But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don’t believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

I AM the Son of God

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

UMH #363

(vs. 1, 3)

**1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God shouldst die for me?**

**3. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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