

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY of the Old Testament book of Zephaniah wraps up Tuesday, November 14, at 10 am.

LEADERSHIP MEETING There will be a leadership team meeting on Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH DIRECTORY is being updated. Please check names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and birthdays listed on the sheets at the church entrances and make any corrections.

LUNCHEON We will have a luncheon honoring pastor Scott and Becky following the worship service on Sunday, November 26.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

Prayer for the Christmas Boxes *(words on the screen)*

Dear Lord, we pray that these boxes will bring joy to many children who are facing difficult circumstances in their lives such as famine, war, and poverty. May they know that someone who packed their boxes loves them and that they will experience God's unconditional love in their lives. We give thanks for the thousands of people worldwide who will be teaching lessons of God's love. We also ask for protection for the volunteers who will travel over water, deserts, and mountains by camels, boats, and planes. We ask these things in the name of Jesus...Amen.

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

People: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

Leader: Today God's love will be poured into your life.

People: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

***Singing**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

UMH #64

(vs. 1, 3)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

3. Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful man

thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love and purity.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. 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 15: 1-8 (NIV)

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I

in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

I AM the True Vine

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Oh, Draw Me Lord

Sing along with video

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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