

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

COMMUNITY EVENSONG service is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, December 2. This program of readings and songs will feature our church member, Mike Himes, along with representatives from throughout our community. All are encouraged to attend.

NEW PASTOR Ed Gebhart is to present his first sermon with us next Sunday, December 3. Ed officially starts December 1, serving in his first assignment as a pastor while also finishing his training at United Theological Seminary in Dayton. He and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters, Autumn and Amanda.

TRAM: All non-perishable food, personal care and household items are welcome. The location is at the Miami Town Hall, 112 S. Miami Avenue, Cleves. TRAM is always grateful for monetary donations. Mail checks to TRAM Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 389, North Bend, Ohio 45052.

CHURCH DIRECTORY is being updated this week. Please finalize any changes to names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or birthdays on the sheets of paper lying on the tables near our church entrances.

REMINDER: Today is Pastor Scott's final Sunday with us. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship downstairs after church.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

People: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.

Leader: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.

People: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.

Leader: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

People: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. Amen!

***Singing**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. O for a thousand
tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of
my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master
and my God,**

**assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all
the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

**3. Jesus! the name
that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in
the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health,
and peace.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son,

Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. 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

2 Thessalonians 1:3-11 (NIV)

- 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.
- 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you

are enduring.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you
7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

We Thank God for You

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Bind Us Together, Lord

Sing words that are on the screen

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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