

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Daniel for the next several weeks. Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Weekly choir practice is now at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. If you'd be like to join in singing with our choir, please don't hesitate to come to a rehearsal and learn more about the fun and fellowship.

BOARD MEETNG: Our church board will have its bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

People: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!

Leader: Come this day into the presence of God.

People: We come with overflowing hearts!

Leader: Celebrate God's mercy and compassion.

People: Praise be to God who offers us hope. Amen!

***Singing**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH #133

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the
everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

**2. O how sweet to walk
in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the
everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

**3. What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the
everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

- 3:1 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.
- 2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.
- 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
- 4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."
- 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and

lay down.

6 Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

8 A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

God Calls Samuel, God Calls Us

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

2. Summer and winter

**and springtime
and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;**

**strength for today
and bright hope
for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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