

Good Morning!

***North Bend Church***  
*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**BLESSING OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Beginning next Sunday, February 4, we will be adding a moment to our program to collect the offering plates from the back and bring them forward for a special prayer asking for God's blessing on your contributions. You may want to plan to put your offerings in the plates prior to the start of service.

**BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the book of Daniel for the next four weeks, through February 20. Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

**FRANK'S TREE:** We collected \$1,250 to be split evenly between two charities, Lane of Roses, supported by Hope Stephens' ministry, and Hope Restored India, supported by Laura Meyers' ministry. If you wish, you may donate to either of their ministries through their respective websites: *laneofroses.com* and *hoperestoredindia.com*.

**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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**People: We praise God with our whole heart!**

Leader: God's works are great!

**People: Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

**People: May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. Amen!**

### **\*Singing**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH #577

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. God of grace,  
and God of glory,  
on thy people  
pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient  
church's story;  
bring her bud  
to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,**

**grant us courage,  
for the facing  
of this hour, (of this hour)  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts  
of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ,  
assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts  
too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to  
work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living  
of these days, (of these days)  
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's  
warring madness,  
bend our pride  
to thy control;**

**shame our wanton,  
selfish gladness,  
rich in things  
and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy  
kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from  
weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search  
for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving thee  
whom we adore, (we adore)  
serving thee whom we adore.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. 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

Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

- 1: 21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.
- 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.
- 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out,
- 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”
- 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”
- 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
- 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”
- 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*The Authority of Jesus*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

UMH #170  
(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. There is a name  
I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music  
in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.**

*Refrain:*

**O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!**

**2. It tells me of  
a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of  
his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea.**



*Refrain:*

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

3. It tells of one  
whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow  
bears a part  
that none can bear below.

*Refrain:*

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: January 28, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)