

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: We wrap up the book of Daniel this week.

Beginning Tuesday, March 5, we will study the book of Jeremiah over the next several weeks. Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

EASTER FLOWERS: Inside today's bulletin and on the tables at the entrances to the church, you will find an order form for Easter flowers. Please complete the forms with your dedications and return with payment to the offering plates by Sunday, March 3.

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: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

People: Where will this journey take us?

Leader: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

People: How much time do we have to get ready?

Leader: The time is now at hand for this journey.

People: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. Amen.

***Singing**

I Surrender All

UMH #354

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

**1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever
love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,
I surrender all, (I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures
all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior,
wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that
thou art mine.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
I surrender all, (I surrender all,)**

**all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.**

**O the joy
of full salvation!
Glory, glory
to his name!**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us

from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

Blessing of Offerings

***Singing** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures
here below;
praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father,**

Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Reading the Scripture

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NIV)

- 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.
- 19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—
- 20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,
- 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Remember Your Baptism

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Come, thou Fount
of every blessing,
tune my heart
to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy,
never ceasing,
call for songs of
loudest praise.
Teach me some
melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming
tongues above.
Praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy
redeeming love.**

**2. Here I raise
mine Ebenezer;**

**hither by thy
help I'm come;
and I hope, by
thy good pleasure,
safely to
arrive at home.
Jesus sought me
when a stranger,
wandering from the
fold of God;
he, to rescue
me from danger,
interposed his
precious blood.**

**3. O to grace
how great a debtor
daily I'm
constrained to be!
Let thy goodness,
like a fetter,
bind my wandering
heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander,
Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the
God I love;
here's my heart,
O take and seal it,
seal it for thy
courts above.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

***Benediction with Baptismal Remembrance**

Leader: As you go from this place remember that you are children of God.

People: A people washed in the waters of baptism and cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Leader: As you go from this place remember that you are the body of Christ.

People: A people commissioned in the waters of baptism with gifts to serve Christ in the world.

Leader: As you go from this place remember that you are God's covenant people.

People: A people marked in the waters of baptism to shine the light of Christ for all to see.

Leader: As you go from this place you are invited to touch the waters of baptism and make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your identity as God's people, empowered and protected by the Holy Spirit.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, remember your baptism and go in peace to serve Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

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