

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Jeremiah through the end of May. Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

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: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: The brilliant light of hope has come!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!

***Singing**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH #302

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Christ the Lord is
risen today, Alleluia!**

**Earth and heaven in
chorus say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys
and triumphs high,**

Alleluia!

**Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply,**

Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming

work is done,

Alleluia!

Fought the fight,

the battle won,

Alleluia!

Death in vain

forbids him rise,

Alleluia!

Christ has opened

paradise,

Alleluia!

3. Lives again

our glorious King,

Alleluia!

Where, O death,

is now thy sting?

Alleluia!

Once he died

our souls to save,

Alleluia!

Where's thy victory,

boasting grave?

**4. Soar we now
where Christ has led,**

Alleluia!

**Following our
exalted Head,**

Alleluia!

**Made like him,
like him we rise,**

Alleluia!

**Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies,**

Alleluia!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day!
Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our
spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us!
Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the
future! 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

John 20: 1-18(NIV)

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the

one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,

7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

- 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
- 15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”
- 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).
- 17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
- 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

He Is Risen!

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Because He Lives

UMH #364

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. God sent his Son,
they called him Jesus;
he came to love,
heal, and forgive;
he lived and died
to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there
to prove my Savior lives.**

Refrain:

**Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living
just because he lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold
a newborn baby,
and feel the pride**

and joy he gives;
but greater still
the calm assurance,
this child can face
uncertain days
because he lives.

Refrain:

Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living
just because he lives.

3. And then one day
I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's
final war with pain;
and then as death

**gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights
of glory
and I'll know he reigns.**

Refrain:

**Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living
just because he lives.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹From "Worship Connection: March 31, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com