

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

EASTER CARDS: We will be sending Easter cards to our shut-ins in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to assist by mailing five or six cards, please see Gloria George. She will provide a packet containing cards, addresses and stamps.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Jeremiah throughout March, April and 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: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

Leader: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

Leader: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day.

Amen.

***Singing**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Love divine,
all loves excelling,
joy of heaven,
to earth come down;
fix in us thy
humble dwelling;
all thy faithful**

**mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art
all compassion,
pure, unbounded
love thou art;
visit us with
thy salvation;
enter every
trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe
thy loving Spirit
into every
troubled breast!
Let us all
in thee inherit;
let us find that
second rest.
Take away
our bent to sinning;
Alpha and
Omega be;
end of faith,**

**as its beginning,
set our hearts
at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty
to deliver,
let us all
thy life receive;
suddenly return
and never,
nevermore thy
temples leave.**

**Thee we would be
always blessing,
serve thee as
thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy
perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then,
thy new creation;**

**pure and spotless
let us be.
Let us see thy
great salvation
perfectly restored
in thee;
changed from glory
into glory,
till in heaven
we take our place,
till we cast our
crowns before thee,
lost in wonder,
love, and praise.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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 12:20-33 (NIV)

12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told

Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

28 "Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

31 "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

I Would Like to See Jesus

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH #504

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of
suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the dearest
and best
for a world of lost
sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

So I'll cherish

the old rugged cross,
(cross, the old rugged cross,)
till my trophies
at last I lay down;
I will cling to the
old rugged cross,
(cross, the old rugged cross,)
and exchange it
some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
has a wondrous
attraction for me;
for the dear
Lamb of God
left his glory above
to bear it
to dark Calvary.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish
the old rugged cross,

(cross, the old rugged cross,)

**till my trophies
at last I lay down;
I will cling to the
old rugged cross,**

(cross, the old rugged cross,)

**and exchange it
some day for a crown.**

3. In that old rugged cross,

stained with blood

so divine,

a wondrous

beauty I see,

for 'twas on

that old cross

Jesus suffered and died,

to pardon and

sanctify me.

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish
the old rugged cross,**

(cross, the old rugged cross,)

**till my trophies
at last I lay down;
I will cling to the
old rugged cross,**

(cross, the old rugged cross,)

**and exchange it
some day for a crown.**

4. To the old rugged cross

**I will ever be true,
its shame and
reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call
me some day
to my home far away,
where his glory
forever I'll share.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish
the old rugged cross,**

(cross, the old rugged cross,)

**till my trophies
at last I lay down;
I will cling to the
old rugged cross,
(cross, the old rugged cross,)
and exchange it
some day for a crown.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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