

Good Morning!

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

Sunday, March 3, 2024

*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**TIME CHANGE:** Just a reminder that we switch to Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. next Sunday, March 10. Plan to “spring forward” and adjust your clocks ahead one hour.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Inside today’s bulletin and on the tables at the entrances, you will find an order form for Easter flowers. Please complete the forms with your dedications and place them on the offering plates today. If you do not have payment today, you may place it on the plate next week.

**BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will begin studying the book of Jeremiah. 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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**People: It is on this journey that we will face our greed and selfishness.**

Leader: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

**People: Our hearts are ready to receive God.**

Leader: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

**People: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH #462

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
And to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

### *Refrain:*

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.**

**2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me,  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.**

*Refrain:*

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.**

**3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.**

*Refrain:*

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.**

**4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.**

***Refrain:***

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Silent & Pastoral 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 2: 13-22 (NIV)

2:13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop

- turning my Father's house into a market!"
- 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."
- 18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"
- 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
- 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"
- 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.
- 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Making Room for God*

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Confession and Pardon**

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**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silent confession)*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Everyone:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**A: 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.**

**Giving the Bread and the Cup**

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

UMH #294

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

**1. Alas! and did  
my Savior bleed,  
and did my  
Sovereign die?  
Would he devote  
that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?**

**2. Was it for crimes  
that I have done,  
he groaned  
upon the tree?  
Amazing pity!  
Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!**

**3. Well might the sun  
in darkness hide,  
and shut its glories in,**

**when God, the mighty  
maker, died  
for his own  
creature's sin.**

**5. But drops of tears  
can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give  
myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: March 3, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*