

Good Morning!

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our pastor's wife, Lisa Gebhart, is taking the lead in hosting our "SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God" Vacation Bible School for three days, June 19-21. If you are interested in assisting with food, decorations or advertising, please talk with Lisa; you also can call her at 513-203-3587.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** One way everyone can assist with advertising is to follow our church's Facebook page and share our posts. We're now streaming our services live each Sunday, with the messages available for view shortly after the service ends.

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

Leader: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**People: We are called to be Easter people!**

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us!

**People: Fear cannot bind us!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*The Church's One Foundation*

UMH #545

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

**1. The church's one foundation**

**is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.**

**From heaven he  
came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood  
he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.**

**3. Though with a  
scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their  
watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.**

**O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer 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

Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

- 3:12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?
- 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.
- 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.
- 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.
- 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.
- 17 “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.
- 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.
- 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*In the Name of Jesus*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

UMH #327

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Crown him with  
many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly  
anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as  
thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him  
the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,**

**and rose victorious  
in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal  
life to bring,  
and lives that  
death may die.**

**3. Crown him  
the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole,  
that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall  
know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of  
paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**



**4. Crown him  
the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds,  
yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast  
died for me;  
thy praise and glory  
shall not fail  
throughout eternity.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: April 14, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*