

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

EASTER FLOWERS: Those who purchased flowers are asked to take them home today. Any flowers not taken will be removed later this week.

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: What great joy we have!

People: Our Lord is risen!

Leader: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

People: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

***Singing**

Nothing But The Blood

UMH #362

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

1. What can wash

away my sin?
Nothing but the
blood of Jesus.
What can make me
whole again?
Nothing but the
blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me
bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon
this I see:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing
this my plea:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

**O precious is the flow
that makes me
bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**3. Nothing can
for sin atone:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.
Naught of good
that I have done:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.**

Refrain:

**O precious is the flow
that makes me
bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**4. This is all my
hope and peace:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.**

**This is all
my righteousness:
nothing but the
blood of Jesus.**

Refrain:

**O precious is the flow
that makes me
bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to
the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief
and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your
mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the**

**path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us,
leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. 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

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIV)

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at

and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Joy in Victory!

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**

Victory in Jesus

UMH #370

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life
on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning,**

**of his precious
blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
he loved me
ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;
he plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

**2. I heard about his healing,
of his cleansing
power revealing,
how he made the lame
to walk again**

**and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal
my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus
came and brought
to me the victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
he loved me
ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;
he plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

**3. I heard about a mansion
he has built**

**for me in glory,
and I heard about
the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing
and the old
redemption story,
and some sweet day
I'll sing up there
the song of victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
he loved me
ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;
he plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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