

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY: We are wrapping up our study of the book of Jeremiah on May 14 and May 21. After a break the week of May 28, we'll begin our study of the book of Luke on June 4. All are invited to Bible Study each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our "SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God" VBS will be June 19-21. If you can help with the food, please see the clipboards at each entrance. If you can offer other assistance, please talk with Lisa Gebhart or call 513-203-3587.

FACEBOOK PAGE: To promote our church, please follow our Facebook page and share our posts. Note, we stream our services live each Sunday, and a recording is available shortly after service.

GRADUATION PARTY: Pastor Ed's daughters, Amanda and Autumn, will graduate from high school and college this spring. To celebrate, everyone is invited to attend a joint graduation party from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, here at the church. If you plan to attend, please notify Lisa Gebhart at 513-203-3587.

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: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

People: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Leader: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

People: We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

People: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. Amen.

***Singing**

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

(twice)

**Fill my cup Lord,
I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench
this thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I
want no more;
fill my cup,**

**fill it up
and make me whole.**

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Come and quench
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PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. 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 1:1-11 (NIV)

1:1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach
2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had

chosen.

3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into

heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Wait, Trust, Pray and Expect

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow
this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in
unity combine.**

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.**

**2. Each newborn servant
of the Crucified
bears on the brow the
seal of him who died.**

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.**

**3. O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.**

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.**

**4. So shall our song of
triumph ever be:
Praise to the
Crucified for victory!**

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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