

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, May 19, 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 Jeremiah this week. After a break on May 28, we'll begin our study of the book of Luke on June 4. Bible Study is 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, including those about our Vacation Bible School. 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: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.

***Singing**

Spirit of the Living God

UMH #393

(twice)

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.**

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PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. 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 2:1-21 (NIV)

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
- 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

- 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!
- 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

What Does This Mean?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

UMH #328

(twice)

**Surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel
his mighty power
and his grace.
I can hear the brush
of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence
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GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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