

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: We have no Bible Study this week. 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: God's love is poured out on God's world.

People: From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things.

Leader: When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

People: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.

Leader: Now we are called to be born anew!

People: Open our hearts and our lives that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with God's love. Amen.

***Singing**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Love divine,
all loves excelling,
joy of heaven,
to earth come down;
fix in us thy
humble dwelling;
all thy faithful
mercies crown!**

**Jesus, thou art
all compassion,
pure, unbounded
love thou art;
visit us with
thy salvation;
enter every
trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe
thy loving Spirit
into every
troubled breast!
Let us all
in thee inherit;
let us find that
second rest.
Take away
our bent to sinning;
Alpha and
Omega be;
end of faith,
as its beginning,**

**set our hearts
at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty
to deliver,
let us all
thy life receive;
suddenly return
and never,
nevermore thy
temples leave.**

**Thee we would be
always blessing,
serve thee as
thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy
perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then,
thy new creation;**

**pure and spotless
let us be.
Let us see thy
great salvation
perfectly restored
in thee;
changed from glory
into glory,
till in heaven
we take our place,
till we cast our
crowns before thee,
lost in wonder,
love, and praise.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear

your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace. These things we pray 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

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NIV)

15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead,

- how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.
- 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.
- 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.
- 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
- 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.
- 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Defend Like Paul, Proclaim Like Charles

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH #302

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Christ the Lord is
risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in
chorus say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys
and triumphs high,
Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply,
Alleluia!**

**2. Love's redeeming
work is done,
Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight,
the battle won,
Alleluia!**

**Death in vain
forbids him rise,
Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened
paradise,
Alleluia!**

**3. Lives again
our glorious King,
Alleluia!**

**Where, O death,
is now thy sting?
Alleluia!**

**Once he died
our souls to save,
Alleluia!**

**Where's thy victory,
boasting grave?
Alleluia!**

**4. Soar we now
where Christ has led,
Alleluia!**

**Following our
exalted Head,**

Alleluia!

**Made like him,
like him we rise,**

Alleluia!

**Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies,**

Alleluia!

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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