

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our “SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God” VBS starts this Wednesday, June 19! If you signed up to provide food or supplies, be sure to bring them to the church no later than 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 17. If you can offer any other assistance, please talk with Lisa Gebhart, 513-203-3587.

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE PAGES: To promote our church, please follow our Facebook page and share our posts, including those about our Vacation Bible School. We stream our services live each Sunday, and a recording is available shortly after service. For those without Facebook accounts, you can watch the service on YouTube after Pastor Ed uploads it to our page. You can find the address on the back page of your bulletin.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteers are needed to support our members and our guests. We need people to:

- mail greeting cards to our members in honor of their birthdays or other special occasions as a reminder of our love and support for them and
- greet visitors to our services and invite them to select items from a visitors' table near our entrances.

If you can help, please talk with Gloria George, 513-509-1944, who has the materials needed to get started.

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: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

People: We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.

Leader: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

People: We humbly praise God for such a gift!

Leader: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

People: Praise be to God at all times and in all places! Amen.

***Singing**

This Is My Father's World

UMH #144

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings,
and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees,**

of skies and seas;
his hand the
wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light,
the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass
I hear him pass;
he speaks to
me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?

**The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring!
God reigns;
let the earth be glad!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. 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

Isaiah 45:1-19 (NIV)

- 45:1 “This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:
- 2 I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.
- 3 I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.
- 4 For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.
- 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no

- God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,
- 6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- 7 I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.
- 8 “You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the LORD, have created it.
- 9 “Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker, those who are nothing but potsherds among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’ Does your work say, ‘The potter has no hands’?
- 10 Woe to the one who says to a father, ‘What have you begotten?’ or to a mother, ‘What have you brought to birth?’
- 11 “This is what the LORD says— the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?
- 12 It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

- 13 I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty.”
- 14 This is what the LORD says: “The products of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and those tall Sabeans— they will come over to you and will be yours; they will trudge behind you, coming over to you in chains. They will bow down before you and plead with you, saying, ‘Surely God is with you, and there is no other; there is no other god.’ ”
- 15 Truly you are a God who has been hiding himself, the God and Savior of Israel.
- 16 All the makers of idols will be put to shame and disgraced; they will go off into disgrace together.
- 17 But Israel will be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting.
- 18 For this is what the LORD says — he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- 19 I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

God the Creator

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all
the worlds thy hands
have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout
the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,**

**how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!**

**2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain
grandeur
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;**

**how great thou art,
how great thou art!**

**3. And when I think
that God, his Son
not sparing,
sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died
to take away my sin;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!**

**4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.**

**Then I shall bow
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim,
my God,
how great thou art!**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art,
how great thou art!**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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