

Good Morning!

***North Bend Church***  
*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, June 2, 2024

*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**BIBLE STUDY:** We begin our study of the book of Luke on Tuesday. Bible Study is Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Practice is one day early this week, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Anyone interested in joining our choir is invited to attend or to talk with any choir member for more information. Usual practices are at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

**GRADUATION PARTY:** Pastor Ed's daughters, Amanda and Autumn, were graduated from high school and college this spring.

To celebrate, everyone is invited to attend a joint graduation party this Saturday, June 8, from 2-4 p.m. here at the church. If you plan to attend, please notify Lisa Gebhart, 513-203-3587.

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Star 93.3 is joining us for the first day of our "SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God" VBS June 19-21. Station representatives will be here at 11 a.m. that Wednesday to play music and hand out gifts to 35 youngsters. Volunteers are needed to set up a table at 10:45 a.m. in preparation for the station's visit. Please talk with Lisa Gebhart, 513-203-3587, if you can help with our VBS in any way.

**FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE PAGES:** To promote our church, please follow our Facebook page and share our posts. 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.

**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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

**People: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.**

Leader: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

**People: Breathe new life into your people, O God.**

Leader: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

**People: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

**People: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.**

**Amen!**

### **\*Singing**

*To God Be the Glory*

UMH #98

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate**

**that all may go in.**

***Refrain:***

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!**

**2. O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
to every believer  
the promise of God;  
the vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives.**

*Refrain:*

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!**

**3. Great things  
he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing  
thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder,  
our transport,  
when Jesus we see.**

*Refrain:*

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

**\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. 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**

2 Timothy 1:3-14 (NIV)

- 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.
- 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.
- 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am

- persuaded, now lives in you also.
- 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
- 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.
- 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,
- 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.
- 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.
- 13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Fan the Flame*

**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**

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Blessed assurance,  
Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste  
of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation,  
purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit,  
washed in his blood.**

***Refrain:***

**This is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long;**

**this is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission,  
perfect delight,  
visions of rapture  
now burst on my sight;  
angels descending  
bring from above  
echoes of mercy,  
whispers of love.**

***Refrain:***

**This is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long;  
this is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission,  
all is at rest;  
I in my Savior  
am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting,  
looking above,  
filled with his goodness,  
lost in his love.**

***Refrain:***

**This is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long;  
this is my story,  
this is my song,  
praising my Savior  
all the day long.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: June 19, 2022," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*