

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Zane and Ashley-May Burkhart are beginning a new Bible study specifically for young adults on Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. The first meeting will be here at the church on July 17. Please invite your friends and family to join in a night of faith and fellowship.

DISCOUNTS FOR SHOEBOX ITEMS: Just a thought, now might be a good time to look for end-of-summer prices for items such as flip-flops, sunglasses and ballcaps that might be good to include in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Back-to-school discounts for crayons, pencils, notebooks and similar items also start in July.

NO CHOIR FOR JULY: Ashley-May will be presenting weekly anthems for the month of July and the first Sunday in August, as the choir has opted to take the month off.

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.

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: Independence Day is this week.

People: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.

Leader: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

People: May God hear our celebrations and our cries for help.

Leader: Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

People: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way. Amen.

***Singing**

America the Beautiful

UMH #696

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. O beautiful
for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**2. O beautiful
for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self
their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,**

**till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.**

**3. O beautiful
for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction. We are busy with holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet news of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. 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

Psalm 33:1-22 (NIV)

33:1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all
he does.
5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of
his unfailing love.
6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry
host by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into
storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world
revere him.
9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood
firm.
10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the
purposes of the peoples.
11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of
his heart through all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he
chose for his inheritance.
13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they
do.

- 16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- 18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- 19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
- 20 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- 21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
- 22 May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

How Do We Sing?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

America

UMH #697

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. My county, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,**

of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring!

2. My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills,
like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to thee,

**author of liberty,
to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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