

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Church board members will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, July 16, to discuss business matters. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Zane and Ashley-May Burkhart are beginning a new Bible study specifically for young adults (18-30) on Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. The first meeting will be this week at the church. Please invite your friends and family to join in a night of faith and fellowship.

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: Thank you to Mike Himes for volunteering to mail birthday cards to our members to remind them of our love and support. We still need a volunteer to mail get-well cards. If you are interested, please talk with Gloria George, 513-509-1944, who has the materials 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: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

People: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Leader: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

People: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

Leader: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

People: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

***Singing**

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Standing on the promises
of Christ my King,
through eternal ages
let his praises ring;
glory in the highest
I will shout and sing,
standing on the
promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Stand - - - ing,
(Standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the
promises of God.**

**2. Standing on the promises
that cannot fail,
when the howling storms
of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God
I shall prevail,
standing on the
promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Stand - - - ing,
(Standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the
promises of God.**

**3. Standing on the promises
of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally
by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily
with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the
promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Stand - - - ing,
(Standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the
promises of God.**

4. Standing on the promises

**I cannot fall,
listening every moment
to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior
as my all in all,
standing on the
promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Stand - - - ing,
(Standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
stand - - - ing,
(standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the
promises of God.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Creator God, You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. 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

Joshua 3:7-4:7 (NIV)

3:7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.

8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you

reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.”

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.

10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.

11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

12 Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge,

16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the

people crossed over opposite Jericho.

17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

4:1 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,

2 “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe,

3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe,

5 and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites,

6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’

7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark

of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever”.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Monuments of Faith

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Faith of Our Father

UMH #710

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Faith of our fathers,
living still,
in spite of dungeon,
fire, and sword;
O how our hearts
beat high with joy
whene'er we hear
that glorious word!**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers,
holy faith!
We will be true
to thee till death.**

**2. Faith of our fathers,
we will strive
to win all nations
unto thee;
and through the truth
that comes from God,
we all shall then
be truly free.**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers,
holy faith!
We will be true
to thee till death.**

**3. Faith of our fathers,
we will love**

**both friend and foe
in all our strife;
and preach thee, too,
as love knows how
by kindly words
and virtuous life.**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers,
holy faith!
We will be true
to thee till death.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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