

Good Morning!

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

Sunday, July 21, 2024

*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**TRAM:** Shelves were emptied after the Fourth of July, so your donations would be welcome. All non-perishable food, personal care and household items are welcome; a sample list is inserted in today's bulletin.

In addition, each Sunday in August, we will have a special collection of your financial contributions. The church will match all your donations, up to \$1,000, which means your \$25 gift becomes \$50 for TRAM.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:** For those of you who have a Kroger Shopper's Card, please consider linking our church to its rewards program if you haven't already. Kroger gives cash to us based on your purchases; in the first six months of 2024, we

received nearly \$100. To link your card, sign in to your Kroger online account and select My Account, then Community Rewards. Enter our church's ID number, GQ626, then Enroll.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** We continue to look for a volunteer to mail get-well cards to members who could benefit from a reminder of our support. If interested, please talk with Gloria George, 513-509-1944, who has materials to get started. We're also looking for someone to coordinate church fellowship luncheons on a periodic basis, perhaps once a quarter. If you can help, please talk with Pastor Ed, 513-646-8775, about your ideas.

**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.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

**People: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Leader: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

**People: Our lives need moments of rest.**

Leader: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

**People: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*His Name Is Wonderful*

UMH #174

**His name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.**

**He is the mighty King,  
Master of everything;  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.**

**He's the great Shepherd,  
the Rock of all ages,  
almighty God is he;  
bow down before him,  
love and adore him,  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. Help us to let go of hectic times and stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. 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

Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

- 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.
- 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

- 4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”
- 5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”
- 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
- 7 The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.
- 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
- 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.
- 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”
- 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”
- 12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to

you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Conflux Moments*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH #420

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Breathe on me,**

**Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love  
what thou dost love, and  
do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee  
I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly  
part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,**



**but live with thee  
the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: July 21, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*