

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

DONATIONS FOR THREE RIVERS: For the next three weeks, we will be collecting schools supplies for the Three Rivers School District. Needed are clear backpacks as well as the usual pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, folders and similar supplies. You may want to take advantage of Ohio's sales tax holiday, which starts this Tuesday, July 30, and continues through Thursday, August 8. Almost anything you buy that costs less than \$500 is exempt from taxes.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR TRAM: Please consider making a financial contribution to TRAM during August. The food bank is running short on supplies. To help, our church board already gave \$1,000 to TRAM and has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar all your

August donations, up to \$1,000; your \$25 gift becomes \$50. To help us track your gifts, please write checks to North Bend Church and make a notation on the outside of your contribution envelope.

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.

Optional announcements:

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 Worship¹**

Leader: Turn your hearts to God.

People: What shall we do when we are worried?

Leader: Place your trust in God's love and mercy.

People: What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded and busy?

Leader: Take time for the refreshing words of God's love for you.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready for your words to us. Amen.

***Singing**

We Gather Together

UMH #131

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease
from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.**

**2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord,
wast at our side,
all glory be thine!**

**3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that
thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed, yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing. We ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 12:1-14 (NIV)

12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the

- number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.
- 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.
- 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.
- 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.
- 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.
- 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.
- 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.
- 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.
- 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.
- 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are,

and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Preparing for the Journey

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH #102

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and
hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our
mothers' arms
has blessed us**

on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life
be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace
to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us
when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and
thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son,
and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,

**whom earth and
heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹From "Worship Connection: July 28, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com