

Good Morning!

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

Sunday, July 7, 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, 18-30, 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.

**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.

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

**DISCOUNTS FOR SHOEBOX ITEMS:** 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.

**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: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

**People: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.**

Leader: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

**People: There God's greatness stands majestically.**

Leader: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

**People: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. Amen!**

**\*Singing**

*Spirit Song*

UMH #347

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. O let the Son**

**of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love.**

**Let him fill your heart  
and satisfy your soul.**

**O let him have  
the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life  
and make you whole.**

***Refrain:***

**Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**

**2. O come and sing  
this song with gladness  
as your hearts  
are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet  
surrender to his name.**

**O give him**

**all your tears and sadness;  
give him all  
your years of pain,  
and you'll enter  
into life in Jesus' name.**

***Refrain:***

**Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord of mystery and community, you have called us to the mission journey. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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**

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

- 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love
- 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us

in the One he loves.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness  
of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,  
9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his  
good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to  
bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined  
according to the plan of him who works out everything in  
conformity with the purpose of his will,

12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ,  
might be for the praise of his glory.

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the  
message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you  
believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised  
Holy Spirit,

14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the  
redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise  
of his glory.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**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**

*Amazing Grace*

UMH #378

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)

**1. Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
that saved a  
wretch like me!  
I once was lost,  
but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my  
fears relieved;  
how precious did  
that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**3. Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares,  
I have already come;**

**'tis grace hath brought  
me safe thus far,  
and grace will  
lead me home.**

**4. The Lord has promised  
good to me,  
his word my  
hope secures;  
he will my shield  
and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**6. When we've been there  
ten thousand years,  
bright shining  
as the sun,  
we've no less days  
to sing God's praise  
than when  
we'd first begun.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: July 7, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*