

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m., Zane and Ashley-May are leading a Bible Study for young adults, ages 18-30. Please invite your friends and family members to experience this wonderful opportunity.

DONATIONS FOR THREE RIVERS: Thank you to all who brought in supplies for the Three Rivers School District. Today was the last day for our collection, and final contributions will be delivered to the school this week.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR TRAM: During August, our church board will match your contributions to TRAM dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1,000, so your \$25 could become \$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.

SAVE THE DATE: We are excited for our first Family Fall Luncheon after church on Sunday, September 29. Lisa Gebhart will post notices on our Facebook page. Closer to the date, she'll have sign-up sheets asking for your help with items needed for a taco bar.

Optional announcements:

~~**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:** If you have a Kroger Shopper's Card, please consider linking our church to its rewards program. Kroger gives cash to us based on your purchases. Sign in to your Kroger account. Select My Account, then Community Rewards. Enter our church's ID number, GQ626, then Enroll.~~

~~**GET WELL CARDS:** We are looking for someone to mail get-well cards to our congregants who might benefit from a reminder of our support and encouragement. If interested, please talk with Gloria George, 513-509-1944, who has materials to get started.~~

~~**FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE PAGES:** Please follow our Facebook page and share our posts, including our services recorded live~~

~~each Sunday. You also can watch the service on YouTube after
Pastor Ed uploads it to our page @NorthBendChurch-bm6vx.~~

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of
Jesus Christ.

**People: He came that we might know of God's absolute,
steadfast love for us.**

Leader: Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

**People: We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us
this magnificent gift.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

People: Let us sing our praises to God. Amen.

***Singing**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Come, thou Fount
of every blessing,
tune my heart
to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy,
never ceasing,
call for songs of
loudest praise.
Teach me some
melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming
tongues above.
Praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy
redeeming love.**

**2. Here I raise
mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy
help I'm come;**

and I hope, by
thy good pleasure,
safely to
arrive at home.
Jesus sought me
when a stranger,
wandering from the
fold of God;
he, to rescue
me from danger,
interposed his
precious blood.

3. O to grace
how great a debtor
daily I'm
constrained to be!
Let thy goodness,
like a fetter,
bind my wandering
heart to thee.
Prone to wander,
Lord, I feel it,

prone to leave the
God I love;
here's my heart,
O take and seal it,
seal it for thy
courts above.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking
nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits.
Give to us your living bread that, having been nourished in
soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming
love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the
Bread of Life, 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

Exodus 32:1-14 (NIV)

32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in

the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said,
“These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and
announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.”

6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt
offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they
sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

7 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people,
whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded
them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a
calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have
said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of
Egypt.’

9 “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they
are a stiff-necked people.

10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them
and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great
nation.”

11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he
said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom
you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he

brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Where is Moses?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

My Hope Is Built

UMH #368

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. My hope is built
on nothing less
than Jesus' blood**

and righteousness.

**I dare not trust
the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean
on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground
is sinking sand;
all other ground
is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils
his lovely face,
I rest on his
unchanging grace.**

**In every high
and stormy gale,
my anchor holds
within the veil.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground
is sinking sand;
all other ground
is sinking sand.**

**3. His oath, his covenant,
his blood
support me in
the whelming flood.
When all around
my soul gives way,
he then is all
my hope and stay.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground
is sinking sand;
all other ground**

is sinking sand.

**4. When he shall come
with trumpet sound,
O may I then
in him be found!
Dressed in his
righteousness alone,
faultless to stand
before the throne!**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground
is sinking sand;
all other ground
is sinking sand.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹From "Worship Connection: August 18, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com