

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, August 25, 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.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR TRAM: Today is the last day that your contributions to TRAM will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1,000, by the church. To help us track your gifts, please write checks to "North Bend Church" and make a notation on the outside of your contribution envelope.

CLEVES FARMERS' MARKET: Today also is the final day for this summer's Cleves Farmers' Market, 232 S. Miami Avenue. Hours

are noon-3 p.m., so it's a chance to talk with multiple vendors. You can see a flyer on our bulletin board at the main entrance.

SAVE THE DATE: We are excited for our first Family Fall Luncheon – featuring a taco bar – after church on Sunday, September 29. Lisa Gebhart will post notices on our Facebook page, which you can share. Feel free to invite your family and friends. The church will supply the taco meat, lemonade, tea and water. If you can help with side items or desserts, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

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: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

People: The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

People: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

**People: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.
Amen.**

***Singing**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH #382

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

1. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter;

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me

after thy will,

while I am waiting,

yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,

wash me just now,

as in thy presence

humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

**Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!**

4. Have thine own way, Lord!

**Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship,
to receive healing and hope. We come, needing to feel the
soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us. Calm and soothe
our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a
special place where we may gather to talk of your presence**

and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. 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 3:7-17 (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.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Crossing the Jordan

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Trust and Obey

UMH #467

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. When we walk
with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he
sheds on our way!**

**While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and to all who will
trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**2. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth
richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we
trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way**

**to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**3. But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the
altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will
trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side
in the way;
what he says we will do,**

**where he sends we will go;
never fear, only
trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹From "Worship Connection: August 25, 2024," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com