

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, September 15, 2024
Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Church board members will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, September 17, to discuss business matters. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Our choir practices have shifted to Wednesdays at 6 p.m. If you enjoy singing and would like to join our fellowship, please feel free to attend or to talk with choir members to learn more. No experience is required.

FAMILY FALL LUNCHEON: 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 encouraged to share. Please invite your family

and friends. The church will supply 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.

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.

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.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The heavens shout of God's glory!

People: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

People: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.

***Singing**

Where He Leads Me

UMH #338

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. I can hear my
Savior calling,
I can hear my
Savior calling,
I can hear my
Savior calling,
"Take thy cross
and follow,**

follow me.”

Refrain:

**Where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow;
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

**2. I'll go with him
through the garden,
I'll go with him
through the garden,
I'll go with him
through the garden,
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

Refrain:

Where he leads me

**I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow;
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

**3. I'll go with him
through the judgment,
I'll go with him
through the judgment,
I'll go with him
through the judgment,
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

Refrain:

**Where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me**

**I will follow;
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

**4. He will give
me grace and glory,
he will give
me grace and glory,
he will give
me grace and glory,
and go with me,
with me all the way.**

Refrain:

**Where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow,
where he leads me
I will follow;
I'll go with him,
with him all the way.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. 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

Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)

14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,

30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Who Are You?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Are Ye Able

UMH #530

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. "Are ye able,"
said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy
dreamers answered,
"to the death
we follow thee."**

Refrain:

**Lord, we are able.
Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us,
like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance**

**above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.**

**2. Are ye able
to remember,
when a thief
lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned
soul is worthy
of a place in paradise?**

Refrain:

**Lord, we are able.
Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us,
like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.**

3. Are ye able

**when the shadows
close around you
with the sod,
to believe that
spirit triumphs
to commend your
soul to God?**

Refrain:

**Lord, we are able.
Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us,
like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.**

**4. Are ye able?
Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic
spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.**

Refrain:

Lord, we are able.
Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us,
like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

***Singing**

The Blessing

Kari Jobe

**The Lord bless you
and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
face toward you
And give you peace
Amen**

Amen, Amen

Amen

Amen, Amen

May His favor

be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family

and your children

And their children,

and their children

Amen

Amen, Amen

Amen

Amen, Amen

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