

Good Morning!

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

Sunday, September 22, 2024  
*Because God is worthy we worship*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**FAMILY FALL LUNCHEON:** Our first Family Fall Luncheon – featuring a taco bar – is next Sunday, September 29. Lisa Gebhart is posting notices on our Facebook page, which you can 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 before you leave today.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** In preparation for our church conference in October, our church board will have a special session at 6 p.m. Monday, September 30, to discuss information needed for Allegheny West Conference church data reports. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Our choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. 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.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**People: God's ways are just and merciful.**

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**People: In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH #577

(v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. God of grace,  
and God of glory,  
on thy people  
pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient  
church's story;  
bring her bud  
to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,**

**grant us courage,  
for the facing  
of this hour, (of this hour)  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts  
of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ,  
assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts  
too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to  
work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living  
of these days, (of these days)  
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's  
warring madness,  
bend our pride  
to thy control;**

**shame our wanton,  
selfish gladness,  
rich in things  
and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy  
kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from  
weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search  
for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving thee  
whom we adore, (we adore)  
serving thee whom we adore.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. 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

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

- 5:1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.
- 2 He said:
- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Video**

The Chosen: The Beatitudes

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Blessed Are You, Disciple of Jesus*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

(v. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;**



**thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
great God of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven,  
my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.**

**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**