

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

HURRICANE RELIEF: Through October 20, we'll collect funds for Hurricane Helene relief. The church will match the first \$500 given by the congregation; please write HHR on your offering envelope. Our total contribution will be sent to the Allegheny West Annual Conference, which is collecting from participating churches and sending those funds to the North Carolina Annual Conference since that area was the hardest hit.

CHURCH CONFERENCE: Our church's annual conference is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share in the discussion.

SAVE THE DATES: We will be hosting Evensong on Sunday, December 8, with the program at 4 p.m. followed by a dinner at 5

p.m. Details will be announced later. The church also has been asked to participate in the Cleves Christmas Walk at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 7, followed by the tree-lighting and carol-singing. Our young people plan to walk in the parade, and others are encouraged to join in the celebration.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

People: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.

Leader: How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

People: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

Leader: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

People: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. Amen.

***Singing**

This Is the Day

UMH #657

(Twice)

Leader: **This is the day,**

All: **this is the day**

Leader: **that the Lord hath made,**

All: **that the Lord hath made.**

Leader: **Let us rejoice,**

All: **let us rejoice**

Leader: **and be glad in it,**

All: **and be glad in it.**

All: **This is the day**

that the Lord hath made;

let us rejoice

and be glad in it.

Leader: **This is the day,**

All: **this is the day**

that the Lord hath made.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully 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

Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)

5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’

39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing

more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Who is Our Enemy?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH #431

(One Time)

**Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was
meant to be.**

**With God our creator,
children all are we.**

**Let us walk
with each other
in perfect harmony.**

Let peace begin with me;

let this be

the moment now.

With every step I take,

let this be

my solemn vow:

to take each moment

and live each moment

in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,

and let it begin with me.

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