

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

HURRICANE RELIEF: We're wrapping up our collection of funds for Hurricane Helene relief today; please write HHR on your offering envelope. Our total contribution will be sent to the Allegheny West Annual Conference, which is sending collected funds to the North Carolina Annual Conference.

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.

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.

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.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

People: Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

Leader: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

People: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. Amen.

***Singing**

Come Ye Thankful People Come

UMH #694

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Come, ye thankful
people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own
temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the world is
God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade
and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we**

**wholesome grain
and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord
our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.**

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all
thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for 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 6:1-4, 16-24 (NIV)

- 6:1 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- 2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
- 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
- 6:16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
- 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,
- 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

- 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
- 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.
- 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!
- 24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Whom Do You Serve?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

I Surrender All

UMH #354

(vs. 1, 2, 5)

**1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever
love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,
I surrender all, (I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures
all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,
I surrender all, (I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.**

**O the joy
of full salvation!
Glory, glory
to his name!**

Refrain:

**I surrender all, (I surrender all,
I surrender all, (I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender 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

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