

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, October 6, 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 invited to join in the celebration.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

Leader: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

People: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

Leader: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

People: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. Amen!

***Singing**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Michael W. Smith

Words on the screen

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

**To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we come to you today with many things on our hearts. You call us to be in a relationship of trust and love with you and offer healing to us for the portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral 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 5:21-37 (NIV)

- 5:21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’
- 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.
- 23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
- 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.
- 25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.
- 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.
- 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
- 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has

- already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
- 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.
- 31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’
- 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- 33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’
- 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;
- 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.
- 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.
- 37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

He Would Love First

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Pardon

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Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silent confession)

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Everyone:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A: Amen.

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Giving the Bread and the Cup

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Open my eyes,
that I may see
glimpses of truth
thou hast for me,
place in my hands
the wonderful key
that shall unclasp
and set me free.**

Refrain:

**Silently now
I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

2. Open my ears,

**that I may hear
voices of truth
thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes
fall on my ear,
everything false
will disappear.**

Refrain:

**Silently now
I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth
and let me bear
gladly the warm
truth everywhere;
open my heart
and let me prepare
love with thy children
thus to share.**

Refrain:

**Silently now
I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

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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