

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Please complete and return your poinsettia order forms today. Money can be paid later, but we need to know how many plants to order.

FRANK'S TREE: Each year we light Frank's Tree with donations to charities. This year, we will split funds between Three Rivers Administration Ministry (TRAM), our local food pantry, and Hope Restored India, Laura Meyers' ministry. Each \$10 donation lights one colored bulb. Once all those are lit, representing \$200, a white bulb is turned on. After we reach \$2,000, the entire tree is lit up.

EVENSONG & COMMUNITY DINNER: We will host Evensong next Sunday, December 8, with the program at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5 p.m. If you want to bring a side dish, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Flyers are available, too, so you can invite your neighbors, friends and family.

CLEVES CHRISTMAS WALK: We will participate in the Cleves Christmas Walk at 5 p.m. this Saturday, December 7, which will be followed by carol-singing and the tree-lighting. This would be another opportunity to share Evensong flyers.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

People: Watch for this gift!

Leader: Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

People: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.

Leader: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

People: Praise be to God for such lavish love. Amen.

***Singing**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

**1. O come, O come,
Emmanuel,
and ransom
captive Israel,
that mourns in
lowly exile here
until the Son
of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**2. O come, thou wisdom
from on high,
and order all things
far and nigh;
to us the path of
knowledge show
and cause us in her
ways to go.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**3. O come, O come,
great Lord of might,**

**who to thy tribes
on Sinai's height
in ancient times once
gave the law
in cloud and majesty
and awe.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**4. O come, thou Root
of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of
thy people be;
before thee rulers
silent fall;
all peoples on thy
mercy call.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**5. O come, thou Key
of David, come,
and open wide our
heavenly home.**

**The captives from their
prison free,
and conquer death's
deep misery.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**6. O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer**

**our spirits by thy
justice here;
disperse the gloomy
clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows
put to flight.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

**7. O come, Desire of
nations bind
all peoples in
one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought
us forth to life;
deliver us from
earthly strife.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

O Lord, our lives are filled with chaos and tribulation. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ's Name, we pray. 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

Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

- 13:24 “But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
- 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’
- 26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.
- 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
- 28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.
- 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.
- 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away

until all these things have happened.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 “Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.

37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Watch!

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 UMH p. 13

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: 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:

All: 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.

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: 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**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #230

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

**1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep
and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark
streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears
of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep,
the angels keep
their watch of
wondering love.**

O morning stars together,

**proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing
to God the King,
and peace to
all on earth!**

**4. O holy Child
of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin,
and enter in,
be born in us today.**

**We hear the
Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us,
abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!**

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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