

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

EVENSONG & COMMUNITY DINNER: We will be hosting Evensong on Sunday, December 8, with the program at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5 p.m. The church will provide a ham, and you're invited to bring side dishes; Lisa Gebhart has sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Flyers are available, too, so you can share them with your neighbors, friends and family.

CLEVES CHRISTMAS WALK: We will participate in the Cleves Christmas Walk at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 7, which will be followed by carol-singing and the tree-lighting. Anyone interested is invited to join our young people in walking in the parade. This would be another opportunity to share Evensong flyers.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Please see the poinsettia order forms inside your bulletins. Complete and return them by Sunday, December 1. Money can be paid later, but we need to know how many plants to order by December 1.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: If you are packing a box for Operation Christmas Child, please plan to bring it to the church no later than Sunday, November 24. We'll all join in praying over our boxes that Sunday before Gloria George transports them to the regional collection site. If you prefer, you may pack a box online at samaritanspurse.org or ask Gloria to shop for you. This week's video follows the journey of a shoebox from packing to delivery:

[Operation Christmas Child video](#)

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/the-journey-of-a-shoebox-gift/>

TRAM: All non-perishable food, personal care and household items are welcome. The location is Miami Town Hall, 112 S. Miami Avenue, Cleves. TRAM is always grateful for monetary donations. Mail checks to TRAM Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 389, North Bend, Ohio 45052.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: What do you bring before the Lord this day?

People: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.

Leader: What do you seek?

People: We seek peace for our weary souls.

Leader: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

People: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. Amen.

***Singing**

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. God forgave my sin
in Jesus' name,
I've been born again
in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name
I come to you,
to share his love
as he told me to.**

Refrain:

**He said, "Freely, freely
you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name,
and because you believe,
others will know
that I live."**

**2. All power is given
in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven
in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name
I come to you,
to share his power
as he told me to.**

Refrain:

**He said, "Freely, freely
you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name,**

**and because you believe,
others will know
that I live.”**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we come to you, bringing all we have: our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened, you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing, encouragement and peace. 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 9:35-10:25 (NIV)

- 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.
- 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
- 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
- 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
- 10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James, son of Zebedee, and his brother, John;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

7 As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

9 “Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—

10 no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.

11 Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.

12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting.

13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

- 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.
- 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.
- 16 “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.
- 17 Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.
- 18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.
- 19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time, you will be given what to say,
- 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
- 21 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.
- 22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.
- 23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

- 24 “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.
- 25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Sheep Without a Shepherd

[Video](#)

Scene from the movie, “Jesus Revolution”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their
darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

**I have heard you
calling in the night.**

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

**I will hold
your people in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.**

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

**I have heard you
calling in the night.**

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

**I will hold
your people in my heart.**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.**

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

**I have heard you
calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold
your people in my heart.**

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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