

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, November 17, 2024

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Thank you to all those who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child program. Today, we'll join in praying over our boxes before Gloria George transports them to the regional collection site.

**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.

**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.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: The Lord is continually creating something new.

**People: We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.**

Leader: Through all this change, God is with us.

**People: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.**

Leader: Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

**People: Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

UMH #348

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

#### **1. Softly and tenderly**

**Jesus is calling,**

**calling for you**

**and for me;**

**see, on the portals he's**

**waiting and watching,**

**watching for you**

**and for me.**

*Refrain:*

**Come home, (Come home,  
come home; (come home;)  
you who are weary,  
come home;  
earnestly, tenderly,  
Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner,  
come home!**

**2. Why should we tarry  
when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you  
and for me?  
Why should we linger  
and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you  
and for me?**

*Refrain:*

**Come home, (Come home,  
come home; (come home;)**

**you who are weary,  
come home;  
earnestly, tenderly,  
Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner,  
come home!**

**3. Time is now fleeting,  
the moments are passing,  
passing from you  
and from me;  
shadows are gathering,  
deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you  
and for me.**

***Refrain:***

**Come home, (Come home,  
come home; (come home;)  
you who are weary,  
come home;  
earnestly, tenderly,**

**Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner,  
come home!**

**4. O for the wonderful  
love he has promised,  
promised for you  
and for me!**

**Though we have sinned,  
he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you  
and for me.**

***Refrain:***

**Come home, (Come home,  
come home; (come home;)  
you who are weary,  
come home;  
earnestly, tenderly,  
Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner,  
come home!**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. 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 10:6-42 (NIV)

- 10:6 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!

26 “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known.

27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.

30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

32 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

36 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

37 “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not

- worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
- 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.
- 40 “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
- 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward.
- 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Who's Side Are You On?*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

UMH #251

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

*Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills  
and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**1. While shepherds kept  
their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout  
the heavens  
there shown a holy light.**

*Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills  
and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**2. The shepherds  
feared and trembled,  
when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed  
the Savior's birth.**

***Refrain:***

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills  
and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**3. Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed  
Christmas morn.**

***Refrain:***

**Go, tell it on the mountain,**

**over the hills  
and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**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**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: November 13, 2022," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*