

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

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

EVENSONG & COMMUNITY DINNER: We will host Evensong 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. Saturday, December 7, which will be followed by carol-singing and the tree-lighting. This would be another opportunity to share Evensong flyers.

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: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

People: God has blessed us with God's great love.

Leader: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

People: Let us come to this time praising God.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen.

***Singing**

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98
(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate
that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**

**2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**

**3. Great things
he hath taught us,**

**great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder,
our transport,
when Jesus we see.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

We come, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. The angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, “Christ is Lord!” 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

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its
name.
16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I
pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to
grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of
Christ,
19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may
be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we
ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within
us,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever! Amen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

How Great Is the Love of Christ

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing** *They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Words on the screen

1. We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that our unity

may one day be restored

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians

by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

by our love

**2. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**3. We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**4. All praise to the father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
God's only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

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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