

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, November 3, 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 the meat, and you're invited to bring side dishes; Lisa Gebhart will have sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Flyers are at our entrances, so you can share them with your friends and family.

CLEVES CHRISTMAS WALK: We also 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. Our young people plan to walk in the parade, and others are encouraged to join in the celebration. This would be another opportunity to share Evensong flyers.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Once again, we are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for giving each year to show a child God's love for them! You can participate by packing a box or boxes, going online to samaritanspurse.org or asking Gloria George to shop for you. Collection Week is November 18-25. This video offers an overview of the program: [Operation Christmas Child video](#)

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: God is calling you today.

People: Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

Leader: God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

People: May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

People: Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen!

***Singing**

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

(Twice)

**Fill my cup Lord,
I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench
this thirsting of my soul.**

**Bread of heaven,
feed me till I
want no more;
fill my cup,
fill it up
and make me whole.**

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Come and quench
this thirsting of my soul.**

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feed me till I
want no more;
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**fill it up
and make me whole.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we gather this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. 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 7:13-29 (NIV)

- 7:13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.
- 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
- 15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
- 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
- 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
- 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.
- 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

- 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and, in your name, perform many miracles?'
- 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'
- 24 "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
- 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.
- 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."
- 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,
- 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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**

He Is Lord

UMH #177

(Twice)

**He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

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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