

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

*Sunday, December 29, 2024*

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to all those who purchased poinsettias. We ask that you take your poinsettias home after today's service or feel free to donate them elsewhere.

**FRANK'S TREE:** Please make your final donations to light Frank's Tree. All gifts will be split between TRAM, our local food pantry, and Hope Restored India, Laura Meyers' ministry.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We will publish an updated church directory in January. Please review the lists at the back of the church to add, confirm or update your name, address, phone number, email address and birthday.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Labeled envelopes for those who wish to make offerings to the church are available now at the main entrance to the church. Others can be found in the pews.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

**People: Darkness has been banished!**

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth

**People: God's light comes to us all.**

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

**People: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH #277

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Tell me the  
stories of Jesus  
I love to hear;  
things I would ask  
him to tell me  
if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside,  
tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus,  
tell them to me.**

**2. First let me hear  
how the children  
stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy  
his blessing  
resting on me;  
words full of kindness,  
deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight**

of Jesus' face.

**3. Into the city I'd follow  
the children's band,  
waving a branch  
of the palm tree  
high in my hand;  
one of his heralds,  
yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas,  
"Jesus is King!"**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. 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**

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

2:41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

- 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.
- 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.
- 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
- 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.
- 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."
- 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
- 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.
- 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Where Is Jesus?*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*There's Something About That Name*

UMH #171

(Twice)

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
There's just something  
about that name!**

**Master, Savior, Jesus!  
Like the fragrance  
after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!**

**Let all heaven  
and earth proclaim:**

**Kings and kingdoms  
shall all pass away,  
but there's something  
about that name!**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
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about that name!**

**Master, Savior, Jesus!  
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**Let all heaven  
and earth proclaim:**

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about that name!**

**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: December 27, 2020," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*