

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume January 21, with a study of Romans. Sessions begin at 10 a.m.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

Amen.

***Singing**

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.**

**Make friends of
God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time
in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.**

**3. Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.**

**4. Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought
and each motive**

**beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shall be fitted
for service above.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. 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

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

5:16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did

before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Proof Is In The Pudding

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

(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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