

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, February 2, 2025

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**HOPE RESTORED INDIA:** Our own member, Laura Meyers, (who celebrates her birthday this week) founded this charitable organization to help share God's love and provide hope for victims of human trafficking and those living in the red-light district of Mumbai. The church makes a monthly donation.

HRI offers education and vocational training for women who were trafficked and exploited, so that they may be equipped with the skills, tools and support to live healthy, economically stable and relationally whole lives. You can learn more or make a personal contribution by visiting the HRI website at [hoperestoredindia.com](http://hoperestoredindia.com).

This video takes a look at the first 10 years of success for Laura's mission: <https://vimeo.com/1038060650?share=copy>

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

**COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**People: But who am I, that God should call me?**

Leader: You are a beloved child of God.

**People: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

Leader: God is with you; don't be afraid.

**People: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH #577

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. God of grace,  
and God of glory,  
on thy people  
pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient  
church's story;  
bring her bud**

**to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing  
of this hour, (of this hour)  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts  
of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ,  
assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts  
too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to  
work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living  
of these days, (of these days)  
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's**

**warring madness,  
bend our pride  
to thy control;  
shame our wanton,  
selfish gladness,  
rich in things  
and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy  
kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from  
weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search  
for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,**

**serving thee  
whom we adore, (we adore)  
serving thee whom we adore.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Gracious God, we come to you seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that your love will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. 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**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)

- 1:4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you  
were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the  
nations.”  
6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I  
am too young.”  
7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You  
must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I  
command you.  
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue  
you,” declares the LORD.  
9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth  
and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.  
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot

and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*The Call Of Jeremiah*

**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 UMH p. 13**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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:

**All: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: 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**

*Freely, Freely*

UMH # 389

(vs. 1, 2)

**1. God forgave my sin  
in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again  
in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name  
I come to you,  
to share his love  
as he told me to.**

***Refrain:***

**He said, "Freely, freely**

**you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name,  
and because you believe,  
others will know  
that I live.”**

**2. All power is given  
in Jesus’ name,  
in earth and heaven  
in Jesus’ name,  
and in Jesus’ name  
I come to you,  
to share his power  
as he told me to.**

***Refrain:***

**He said, “Freely, freely  
you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name,  
and because you believe,  
others will know**

**that I live.”**

**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: February 2, 2025," by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*