

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

EASTER FLOWERS: Inside today's bulletin and on the tables at the entrances, you will find an order form for Easter flowers. Please complete the forms with your dedications and place them in the offering plates today. Money can be paid later, but we need to know how many plants to order.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, March 18, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

SPRING FAMILY LUNCHEON: Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our church service and spring family luncheon Sunday, March 30. After our Sunday service, we will gather for lunch and fellowship. The church will supply the main dish – pulled pork – along with lemonade, tea and water. If you wish, you can sign up to bring side items or desserts on the sheet at the back of the church. Please text Lisa Gebhart at 513-203-3587 to RSVP.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Open your hearts to God's love today.

**People: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the
brightness of God's love.**

Leader: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

People: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

Leader: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

**People: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet
God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Singing**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH #348

(1, 2, 3, 4)

1. Softly and tenderly

**Jesus is calling,
calling for you
and for me;
see, on the portals he's
waiting and watching,
watching for you
and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, (Come home,
come home; (come home;)
you who are weary,
come home;
earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner,
come home!**

**2. Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you
and for me?**

**Why should we linger
and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you
and for me?**

Refrain:

**Come home, (Come home,
come home; (come home;)
you who are weary,**

**come home;
earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner,
come home!**

**3. Time is now fleeting,
the moments are passing,
passing from you
and from me;
shadows are gathering,
deathbeds are coming,
coming for you
and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, (Come home,
come home; (come home;)
you who are weary,
come home;
earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner,**

come home!

**4. O for the wonderful
love he has promised,
promised for you
and for me!**

**Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you
and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, (Come home,
come home; (come home;)
you who are weary,
come home;
earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner,
come home!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 4:1-14 (NIV)

- 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
- 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
- 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"
- 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
- 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.
- 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours."
- 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

- 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.
- 10 For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;
- 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”
- 12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
- 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.
- 14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Identity, Belovedness and Purpose

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

(1, 2, 3)

**1. Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,**

**whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

***Singing**

What A Beautiful Name

Hillsong Worship

**You were the Word at the beginning
One with God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ**

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You

You silenced the boast of sin and grave

The Heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory

**For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the Glory
Yours is the Name above all names**

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus**

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