

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, March 2, 2025

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, March 5, for music, an impactful sermon and the ceremony of the ashes.

**TIME CHANGE:** Just a reminder that we begin Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. next Sunday, March 9. Plan to “spring forward” and adjust your clocks forward one hour. You might lose an hour of sleep, but you’ll pick up an extra hour of daylight at the end of your day.

**BOARD MEETING:** Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. 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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

**People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.**

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.**

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

**People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.**

**Amen.**

**\*Singing**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH #400

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Come, thou Fount  
of every blessing,  
tune my heart  
to sing thy grace;**

**streams of mercy,  
never ceasing,  
call for songs of  
loudest praise.**

**Teach me some  
melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming  
tongues above.**

**Praise the mount!  
I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy  
redeeming love.**

**2. Here I raise  
mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy  
help I'm come;**

**and I hope, by  
thy good pleasure,  
safely to  
arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me  
when a stranger,  
wandering from the  
fold of God;**

**he, to rescue  
me from danger,  
interposed his  
precious blood.**

**3. O to grace  
how great a debtor  
daily I'm**

**constrained to be!**

**Let thy goodness,  
like a fetter,  
bind my wandering  
heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander,  
Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the  
God I love;**

**here's my heart,  
O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy  
courts above.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Lord, you have told us that Jesus is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. We ask this in Christ's 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**

Luke 9:28-43a (NIV)

- 9: 28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.
- 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.
- 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.
- 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.
- 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.
- 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)
- 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
- 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I

have chosen; listen to him.”

36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

38 A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him.

40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

41 “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

43a And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

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 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**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH #454

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Open my eyes,  
that I may see  
glimpses of truth  
thou hast for me,  
place in my hands  
the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp  
and set me free.**

***Refrain:***

**Silently now  
I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears,**

**that I may hear  
voices of truth  
thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes  
fall on my ear,  
everything false  
will disappear.**

***Refrain:***

**Silently now  
I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth  
and let me bear  
gladly the warm  
truth everywhere;  
open my heart  
and let me prepare  
love with thy children  
thus to share.**

**Refrain:**

**Silently now  
I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**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**

*<sup>1</sup>From "Worship Connection: March 2, 2025" by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*