Good Morning!

North Bend Church a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Because God is worthy we worship

#### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

Prelude

#### Announcements

**SPRING FAMILY LUNCHEON:** Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our church service and spring family luncheon next 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.

MASTER'S SOLO RECITAL: Our music director, Ashley-May Burkhart, invites everyone to attend her master's solo recital at 5 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the CCM Robert J. Werner Recital Hall, 290 CCM Boulevard, Cincinnati 45221. (Are there any other Announcements?)

#### **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.

## People: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.

Leader: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

#### People: How we have longed for joy and love!

Leader: God continually blesses and heals us.

People: Praise be to God for God's steadfast love. Amen.

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

> Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

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PRAY UNTO THE LORD

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

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. 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**

#### **RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

\*Singing Amazing Grace UMH #378

(1, 2, 3, 6)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

O 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 23, 2025," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com