

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

HOLY THURSDAY: Please invite your family and friends to join us for our Holy Thursday service at 7 p.m. this Thursday, April 17.

TRIP TO ARK ENCOUNTER: Anyone interested is invited to join our churchwide outing to the Ark Encounter on Saturday, June 7. For more information or to sign up, see the table at the back of the church. If you have questions, please talk with Lisa Gebhart, our activities director, 513-203-3587.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

People: During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.

Leader: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.

People: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

***Singing**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH #277

(1, 2, 3)

**1. Tell me the
stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask
him to tell me
if he were here:
scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.
2. First let me hear**

how the children
stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy
his blessing
resting on me;
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight
of Jesus' face.

3. Into the city I'd follow
the children's band,
waving a branch
of the palm tree
high in my hand;
one of his heralds,
yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas,
"Jesus is King!"

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly and patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. 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

The Beauty After The Battle

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

(1, 2, 3)

1. Blessed assurance,

Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste

**of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission,
perfect delight,
visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
angels descending
bring from above
echoes of mercy,**

whispers of love.

Refrain:

**This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission,
all is at rest;
I in my Savior
am happy and blest,
watching and waiting,
looking above,
filled with his goodness,
lost in his love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.**

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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