

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY: Beginning tomorrow, Monday, April 28, our Bible Study for Young Adults will be moved from Wednesday evenings. Please invite your friends and family members to join Ashley-May and Zane for this wonderful opportunity each Monday at 7 p.m.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

MIRACLE OFFERING: For the four Sundays in May, we will collect donations for the 2025 Allegheny West Annual Conference Miracle Offering, which will be used to fund scholarships for seminary students within the Conference. The goal is to raise enough to pay 50% of tuition for all qualified students. If you would like to contribute, please be sure to write Miracle Offering on the outside of your envelope. We will track donations and write one check to be taken to the Annual Conference in June.

SAVE THE DATE: At 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, we will host a community Songfest and potluck picnic. The Miami Township Senior Chorus will perform patriotic tunes, and the church will supply fried chicken and tenders. A sign-up sheet for side dishes will be available in May.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Rejoice, friends, for the Lord has called us here.

People: We come joyfully, for we have heard the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Leader: Open your spirits to receive all God's blessings.

People: May God shower blessings upon us so that we may in turn bless God by our service.

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

***Singing**

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145

(1, 2, 3)

**1. Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.**

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

**Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

2. Sweet the rain's new fall

**sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.**

**3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**Generous God, we thank you for your presence in all our
lives. As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the
many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our
fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior,**

**Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles,
doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us.
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

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

- 19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
- 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
- 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
- 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

- 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
- 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Peace Be With You

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Victory in Jesus

UMH #370

(1, 2, 3)

1. I heard an old, old story,

**how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life
on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning,
of his precious
blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
He loved me
ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

**2. I heard about his healing,
of his cleansing
power revealing,
how he made the lame
to walk again
and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal
my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus
came and brought
to me the victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
He loved me
ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;**

**He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

**3. I heard about a mansion
he has built
for me in glory,
and I heard about
the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing
and the old
redemption story,
and some sweet day
I'll sing up there
the song of victory.**

Refrain:

**O victory in Jesus,
my Savior forever!
He sought me
and bought me
with his redeeming blood;
he loved me**

**ere I knew him,
and all my love
is due him;
he plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.**

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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