

Good Morning!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you to all those who purchased flowers, which are part of our Easter display. Your names and dedications are listed on an insert inside today's bulletin. Please collect your flowers after today's service. Any flowers not taken will be removed later this week.

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, 513-203-3587.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

People: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

Leader: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

People: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah! Amen!

***Singing**

He Lives

UMH #310

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time
I need him,
he's always near.**

Refrain:

**He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You ask me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**2. In all the
world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart
grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that
he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of
his appearing
will come at last.**

Refrain:

**He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**3. Rejoice, rejoice,
O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of
all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is
so loving,
so good and kind.**

Refrain:

**He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.**

**He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You ask me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's 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 24:1-12 (NIV)

- 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
- 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the

- living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:
- 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”
- 8 Then they remembered his words.
- 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.
- 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.
- 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

We Need To Hear It

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH #302

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Christ the Lord is
risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in
chorus say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys
and triumphs high,**

Alleluia!

**Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply,**

Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming

work is done,

Alleluia!

**Fought the fight,
the battle won,**

Alleluia!

**Death in vain
forbids him rise,**

Alleluia!

**Christ has opened
paradise,**

Alleluia!

**3. Lives again
our glorious King,**

Alleluia!

**Where, O death,
is now thy sting?**

Alleluia!

**Once he died
our souls to save,**

Alleluia!

**Where's thy victory,
boasting grave?**

Alleluia!

**4. Soar we now
where Christ has led,**

Alleluia!

**Following our
exalted Head,**

Alleluia!

**Made like him,
like him we rise,**

Alleluia!

Ours the cross,

**the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!**

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**

¹From "Worship Connection: April 20, 2025," by Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com