

Good Evening!

North Bend Church
a Global Methodist Congregation

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Because God is worthy we worship

Prelude

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***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: We boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to us, and us to the world.

People: Christ invites us to the table of salvation and deliverance where his crucified body and blood are freely given.

Leader: Christ is the way, the truth, the resurrection and the life, through whom we are saved and set free.

People: At his table we remember and proclaim his death until he comes again.

***Singing**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. For the bread which
you have broken,
for the wine which
you have poured,
for the words
which you have spoken,
now we give you
thanks, O Lord.**

**2. By this pledge
that you do love us,
by your gift of
peace restored,
by your call
to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives,
O Lord.**

**3. With our sainted
ones in glory
seated at the
heavenly board,
may the church**

**that's waiting for you
keep love's tie
unbroken, Lord.**

**4. In your service,
Lord, defend us,
in our hearts
keep watch and ward;
in the world where
you have sent us,
let your kingdom
come, O Lord.**

***Praying Together²**

Holy God, when our faith is small and impatient, overcome our reluctance to receive your grace. When we expect hurt and hate, help us endure the trials of living. Open our eyes to behold Jesus's life-giving gifts, that we might no longer guard our hearts from the pain that the world brings. Like Peter before us, meet us in our weakness when we walk away, deny love, even fail to receive the meal of our Lord. Amen.

11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."
25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Lord's Supper

***Singing**

Come As You Are

Crowder

Words on the Screen

**1. Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy**

**Oh, sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal**

Refrain:

**So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh, wanderer, come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are**

**2. There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures**

**Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure**

Refrain:

**So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh, wanderer, come home
You're not too far
Lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are**

**Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are**

**3. There's joy for the mourning
Oh, sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow**

That heaven can't heal

Refrain:

So lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken

Lift up your face

Oh, wanderer, come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt

Lay down your heart

Come as you are

Come as you are

Come as you are

Come as you are

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION¹

Invitation to the Table

LEADER: Christ invites to his table all who love him, who turn away from their sin, and who seek to be reconciled with God and one another. With repentant hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have pledged to follow Jesus in sacrificial love, yet we easily give into our selfish nature.

We have willingly chosen hatred over love, fear over obedience, greed over generosity, and pride over humility. We have believed the lie that we are above your command to serve one another.

We are truly sorry, Lord. Have mercy on us.

Forgive us and give us freedom by the power of the Holy Spirit to joyfully follow in the way of Christ in humble obedience to the end, even to death on a cross. Amen.

-Silence for individual confession-

LEADER: Hear the good news. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Praise be to God! Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Psalm 116

LEADER: I love you, Lord, because you listened to my voice.

ALL: You have turned your ear to me and heard my cries for mercy. I will call on your name as long as I live.

LEADER: What will I give to you for all your loving kindness toward me?

ALL: I will drink from the cup of salvation, and call on your name in the presence of all your people.

LEADER: You have freed me from my chains so I will serve you forever.

ALL: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and worship you in your holy dwelling place.

LEADER: I love you, Lord, because you loved me to the very end.

ALL: You listened to my humble cries for mercy.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

LEADER: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one

another just as I have loved you. Let us share signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

LEADER: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

ALL: We lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for God's loving kindness endures forever!

LEADER: We praise you, Father God, Maker of all things, seen and unseen. You lovingly created us in your image from the dust of the earth and gave us life through the breath of your Holy Spirit. Even though you provided everything we needed, we still chose our own way and disobeyed you.

ALL: We thank you for your unfailing love toward us even when we turned away from you.

LEADER: In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the gift of salvation to the world. Out of great compassion for us, Jesus willingly took the posture of a servant and humbled himself to death on the cross to free us from the bondage of sin. He rose again on the third day in victory over sin and death, ascended into heaven, and will come again in final glory. As a preview of that glorious day, the Lord Jesus instituted this Holy Meal for us, his Church, to proclaim his death until he comes.

ALL: We thank you for your unfailing love toward us, your Church, born of water and the Spirit.

LEADER: 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."

ALL: We thank you for your unfailing love toward us and join with you in sacrificial love to the world. May our whole lives proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LEADER: Sanctify these gifts of bread and cup by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Use them to nourish and heal your Church through the body and blood of Christ as we remember your sacrifice. Holy Spirit, unite us as one under the banner of the cross to serve Christ in this world until he comes again to fully establish his loving reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

LEADER: This is the body of Christ broken for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer After Communion

ALL: Loving God, we thank you for giving yourself to us and for us

through your body and blood. May this Holy Meal revive us to preach the gospel and follow Christ by power of the Holy Spirit. We are ready to serve you, Lord! In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Words of Transition

LEADER: We have dined at the table; we have tasted the grace. Jesus and his disciples dined at the table and when they were finished, they went to the garden of Gethsemane.

Mark 14:32-42

32: They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

33: He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

34: "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

35: Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him.

36: "Abba, [a] Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

37: Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.

"Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"

38: Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

39: Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

40: When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41: Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

42: Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” Judas approaches and gives Jesus a kiss. The guards arrest him and the next day He stands trial before the Jewish leaders and before Pilate. He is handed over to be crucified.

***Singing**

Were You There

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(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**1. Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?**

(were you there)

**Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?**

(were you there)

Refrain:

**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?
(were you there)**

**2. Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?
(were you there)
Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?
(were you there)**

Refrain:

**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?
(were you there)**

**3. Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?**

(were you there)

**Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?**

(were you there)

Refrain:

**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?**

(were you there)

**4. Were you there when the
sun refused to shine?**

(were you there)

**Were you there when the
sun refused to shine?**

(were you there)

Refrain:

**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.**

Were you there when they

crucified my Lord?

(were you there)

5. Were you there when they

laid him in the tomb?

(were you there)

Were you there when they

laid him in the tomb?

(were you there)

Refrain:

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to

tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they

crucified my Lord?

(were you there)

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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