

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, April 12, 2026

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**EDEN CHAPEL EVENT:** Eden Chapel will host an Antique, Craft & Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, on the church grounds at 150 Dahlia Avenue, Sayler Park. Matthew 25 Ministries also will be accepting donations of new and gently used clothing, non-perishable food, school supplies, cleaning supplies and more. If you have questions, email [Janet.Koch@zoomtown.com](mailto:Janet.Koch@zoomtown.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will celebrate Pastor Ed's earning of his master's degree with a Graduation Party at noon Sunday, May 17. The luncheon will feature tacos, burritos and dessert. Plan to attend to show your love and support for our pastor.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: By His great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope.**

Leader: Though we have not seen Him, we love Him and rejoice.

**People: We believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

### **\*Singing**

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

(vs. 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.**

**PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

**\*Praying Together<sup>2</sup>**

**Jesus of the Cross, Jesus of the Resurrection, we rejoice in you. For long before the experience of the cross, you defeated the powers of sin, pain, and death in the hurting people around you. And then you were struck down. But you defeated the cross and stood before your beloved disciples, as you are present today – alive again. We rejoice in you, Risen Savior, for you open before us your life-giving peace and power. You are our Lord and our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral & Silent 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**

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,  
5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.  
6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.  
7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- 8     Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though  
you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an  
inexpressible and glorious joy,
- 9     for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of  
your souls.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*The Eulogy*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Because He Lives*

UMH #364

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. God sent his Son,  
they called him Jesus;  
he came to love,  
heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died  
to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there  
to prove my Savior lives.**

*Refrain:*

**Because he lives,  
I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives,  
all fear is gone;  
because I know  
he holds the future,  
and life is worth  
the living  
just because he lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold  
a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride  
and joy he gives;  
but greater still  
the calm assurance,  
this child can face  
uncertain days  
because he lives.**

*Refrain:*

**Because he lives,**

**I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives,  
all fear is gone;  
because I know  
he holds the future,  
and life is worth  
the living  
just because he lives.**

**3. And then one day  
I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's  
final war with pain;  
and then as death  
gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights  
of glory  
and I'll know he reigns.**

***Refrain:***

**Because he lives,  
I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives,**

**all fear is gone;  
because I know  
he holds the future,  
and life is worth  
the living  
just because he lives.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing / Postlude**

**\*Singing**            *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**To see you high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your power and love**

**As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**To see you high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your power and love**

**As we sing holy, holy, holy**

<sup>1</sup>*The Seedbed Worship Planner, April 12, 2026*

<sup>2</sup>*The Abingdon Worship Annual, April 12, 2026*