

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, April 5, 2026

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**CONTEMPORARY NIGHT OF WORSHIP:** Beginning tonight and the first Sunday of every month at 7 p.m., our young adults are hosting a contemporary Night of Worship featuring music and a message for everyday life. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** Each week we gather for two Bible Study sessions: Mondays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Our Monday meetings are designed especially for young adults. Our Tuesday group begins its study of Esther this week. Please invite your friends and family to join you in learning more about God's word.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away, and the tomb is empty.

**People: Death has been defeated, and love has triumphed.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

**\*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!**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**All: God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Silent and Pastoral 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**

Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

- 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
- 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”
- 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Constant Reassurance*

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **Confession and Pardon**

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**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, We have broken your law, We have rebelled against your love, We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*--All pray in silent confession--*

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People to leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Everyone: Glory to God. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together The Lord's Prayer:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

UMH #322

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord!**

*Refrain:*

**Up from the grave  
he arose, (he arose)  
with a mighty triumph  
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)  
he arose a victor  
from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever,  
with his saints to reign.  
He arose! (he arose)  
He arose! (he arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**2. Vainly they  
watch his bed,  
Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord!**

*Refrain:*

**Up from the grave  
he arose, (he arose)**

**with a mighty triumph  
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)  
he arose a victor  
from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever,  
with his saints to reign.  
He arose! (he arose)  
He arose! (he arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**3. Death cannot  
keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!**

***Refrain:***

**Up from the grave  
he arose, (he arose)  
with a mighty triumph  
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)  
he arose a victor  
from the dark domain,**

**and he lives forever,  
with his saints to reign.  
He arose! (he arose)  
He arose! (he arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**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 5, 2026*

<sup>2</sup>*The Abingdon Worship Annual, April 5, 2026*