

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

FALL FAMILY LUNCHEON: Mark your calendars for our Fall Family Luncheon at noon Sunday, September 28. As part of the fun, we'll have a Soup & Chili Cook-off, so bring your favorite soup or chili to compete for the title of Best Soup and win a \$25 gift card. To complement the soups, we'll have sandwiches. The church will provide a meat and cheese tray, oyster crackers, lemonade and tea. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can bring side items. If you have questions, talk with Lisa Gebhart, 513-203-3587.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES: We'll be starting a new Bible Study of Ezra and Nehemiah at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 2. Please consider inviting your friends and family to join you in learning more about God's word.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Sing in exaltation, people of God.

People: The Lord fills us with good things.

Leader: Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.

People: God feeds us with finest wheat.

Leader: God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.

People: The Lord sustains us with living water.

***Singing**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH #176

(Twice)

**Majesty,
worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all
glory, honor, and praise.**

**Majesty,
kingdom authority,
flow from his throne
unto his own;
his anthem raise.**

**So exalt,
lift up on high
the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.**

**Majesty,
worship his majesty,
Jesus who died,**

**now glorified,
King of all kings.**

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PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Help us show hospitality to strangers, Merciful One, for many have entertained angels unaware while doing so. Move us to treat one another as we would have others treat us, lest we find ourselves tortured or imprisoned with no one to come to our aid. May we always seek to do good and share from our abundance, for these things are pleasing in your sight. In your holy 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

Hebrews 4:1-13 (NIV)

- 4:1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.
- 2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.
- 3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, “They shall never enter my rest.” And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world.
- 4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.”
- 5 And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

- 6 Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience,
- 7 God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."
- 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.
- 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;
- 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.
- 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.
- 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

It Is Finished

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***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.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

***Singing**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

(The Faith We Sing) #2088

**Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high**