

Good Morning!

# *North Bend Church*

*a Global Methodist Congregation*

Sunday, October 25, 2026

*Because God is worthy we worship*

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS:** This four-week class starts at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, October 28. You can explore the spiritual gifts you've received from God and learn how to better use them in the body of Christ. To learn more and to sign up, please see the handouts at the back of the church or talk with Pastor Ed.

**MEET OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT:** You are encouraged to attend a special worship service at 7 p.m. Monday, November 2, at Cornerstone Church in West Chester, where you can meet the Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner, our new conference superintendent, as well as other members of our circuit.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE:** We will have our annual Church Conference at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12, in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share in the discussion.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** We are filling shoeboxes to be distributed to children around the world. Please bring packed box or boxes by Sunday, November 15. You also may go online to *samaritanspurse.org* or ask Gloria George to shop for you.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

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

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."

**People: We come to worship the one who is love and calls us to love.**

Leader: Come, let us lift our voices to the God of love and life.

All: Alleluia! We worship the Lord of all generations.

**\*Singing**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH #399

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.**

**Take my moments  
and my days;  
let them flow  
in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands,  
and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.**

**Take my feet,  
and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**2. Take my voice,  
and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips,  
and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver  
and my gold;**

**not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect, and use  
every power as  
thou shalt choose.**

**3. Take my will,  
and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart,  
it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love,  
my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its  
treasure-store.**

**Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**God of ages past and days to come, help us embrace both your ancient wisdom and your ongoing guidance. Help us hear anew your words from years gone by. Open our hearts and minds to fully embrace what it means to love you, to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors as you have loved us. In love and gratitude, we pray. 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 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (NIV)

- 2:1 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.
- 2 We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.
- 3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.
- 4 On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.
- 5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness.
- 6 We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.
- 7 Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children,
- 8 so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were

delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our  
lives as well.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Not Opposition, But Opportunity*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Take Time to be Holy*

UMH #395

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**1. Take time to be holy,  
speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always,  
and feed on his word.**

**Make friends of  
God's children,  
help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing  
his blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy,**

**the world rushes on;  
spend much time  
in secret  
with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus,  
like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct  
his likeness shall see.**

**3. Take time to be holy,  
let him be thy guide,  
and run not before him,  
whatever betide.**

**In joy or in sorrow,  
still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus,  
still trust in his word.**

**4. Take time to be holy,  
be calm in thy soul,  
each thought  
and each motive  
beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit**

**to fountains of love,  
thou soon shall be fitted  
for service above.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude/\*Singing**

*Way Maker*

Leelan

(Words on the screen)

**You are here  
Moving in our midst  
I worship You  
I worship You**

**You are here  
Working in this place  
I worship You  
I worship You**

**And You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are**

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**My God, that is who You are**

<sup>1</sup>*The Seedbed Worship Planner, October 25, 2026*

<sup>2</sup>*The Abingdon Worship Annual, October 25, 2026*