

Good Morning!

North Bend Church

a Global Methodist Congregation

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Because God is worthy we worship

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: Please consider inviting your friends and family to join you today at 5 p.m. for our monthly Night of Worship with special music and a message for everyday life. If you have questions, feel free to talk with Lisa, 513-203-3587.

MERE CHRISTIANITY BOOK STUDY: Pastor Ed is leading this six-week class, based on the book written by C. S. Lewis, beginning Thursday, September 17, at 10 a.m. Each session will be 60-90 minutes. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church, so that Ed will know how many books to order.

MINISTRY PROJECT: We have joined forces to help make LuoPads for women and girls in other countries. Everyone can help! If you have some clean, old towels, please donate them in time for our next cutting session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 18. If you can trace and cut, you have the skills needed to convert the towels into needed inserts. Appetizers are provided. If you have questions, talk with Lisa, 513-203-3587.

BOARD MEETING: Our church board will have its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, to discuss church business. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let the faithful exult in glory and sing for joy.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them."

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

Leader: Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of grace.

All: Alleluia! We rejoice in God's presence among us!

***Singing**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

**1. What a friend
we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace
we often forfeit,
O what needless**

**pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials
and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never
be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find
a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows
our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak
and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior,
still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll
take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we seek to put on the armor of light, and to live as your children. Help us cast aside the darkness and embrace the love that fulfills our law. Awaken us to your call, that we may walk in the light of Christ each day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & 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

Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

- 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.
- 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
- 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.
- 11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
- 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put

aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Love Like You're Paying Taxes

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

UMH p.12

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

UMH p.13

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**

My Chains Are Gone

OGRP #574

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind, but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Refrain:

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

**And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace**

**3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Refrain:

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace**

**4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine**

**Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude/*Singing

Way Maker

Leeland

(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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¹*The Seedbed Worship Planner, September 6, 2026*

²*The Abingdon Worship Annual, September 6, 2026*