

RECONCILIATION

MISSION BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Lord, please come and fill me with Your Holy Spirit afresh and anew. Please forgive me my shortcomings. Help me to have mercy on those who have failed me that You might also have mercy on me. I pray also for reconciliation at Mission Bend United Methodist Church.

Grant us grace to hear Your Words on reconciliation, and extend to us the strength to work them out in our own lives. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the liberating truth of Your Word. Renew and restore all our relationships.

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Father, please live boldly through Mission Bend UMC that we may be ministers of Your message of reconciliation to the world, to Your glory and honor.

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20 Lord God, call us into a closer personal relationship with You. Help us to lay any grievance towards You on Your altar and come into right relationship with You, that we might be fit ambassadors for You.

Jesus said, *“...If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”* Matthew 5:23-24 Heavenly Father, please reveal any offenses in our hearts between us and anyone else, that we may restore each relationship with Your help, as Jesus directed.

“The Lord said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods...’ ” Hosea 3:1

Dear Lord, please restore and renew my intimate relationships, and especially bless my relationship with You. I pray that you restore all relationships at Mission Bend.

In the name of Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

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