

June 28, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Praise Processional M. Dickerson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Darren Cushman Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life.

People: We have been baptized into Christ's death,

and we will be united with him in the resurrection life.

Leader: We have been freed from the tyranny of sin,

People: to be workers of righteousness.

**OPENING HYMN #378** 

**Amazing Grace** 

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Prayer for Illumination Jack Leonard

Sin-destroying,
life-giving,
justice-making God:
speak the words of liberation
through the scriptures
and free us to serve you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO As the Deer

M. Nystrom/arr. D. Kocijan Cheri Brightman, saxophone

Canticle of Praise Psalm 89:1-4, 14-16 Amy Sell

Leader: I will sing of your unfailing love, Eternal One, forever.
I will speak of your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I will tell how your unfailing love will always stand strong;

and how your faithfulness is established in the heavens above.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one.

I made my servant, David, this promise:

People: 'I will establish your dynasty

so that you and your descendants will always be secure.

Your rule will continue for generations to come."

Leader: Your rule is rooted deeply in justice and righteousness—

unfailing love and truth lead the way ahead of you.

People: How happy are those who have learned how to praise you;

those who journey through life by the light of your face.

Leader: Every hour of the day, they rejoice at the sound of your name. **People: They are lifted up and encouraged by your righteousness.** 

HYMN OF PRAYER #399

Take My Life, and Let it Be

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

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless 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.

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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** 

Leader: God, in your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.** 

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Doxology #94 (Please Stand)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:3-14

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Liberation of Letting Go

Darren Cushman Wood

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #419** 

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

## Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Refrain

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Trumpet Major C. Tambling

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Melody and Rick Kissling married on June 28, 1970 and in memory of their parents,

Morris and Marcia Sweet and Dick and Helen Kissling.

## This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Heather Hinton

Organist

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague & Dick Luchtman

Audio Visual

Jack Leonard

Board Secretary

Rosie & Greg Jordan

Song Leaders

Upcoming Worship Services on Sunday, June 28
8:30 a.m. in person service

Register to attend by emailing JHarrington@NorthChurchIndy.com or calling (317) 536-0789.

The deadline to register is noon each Friday.

## 11 a.m. via Livestream

Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom For more information, email coryunthank@northchurchindy.com

A Study on John Wesley, using "John Wesley: Holiness of Heart & Life" by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. Mondays in July from 6:30-8pm via Zoom. For more information and Zoom link, email asell@northchurchindy.com