

July 19, 2020 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Minor ("The Cathedral") J. S. Bach

Darren Cushman Wood

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to heed the call **People: and bear witness to God's name.** Leader: This is the moment to share Christ's love **People: and follow God's Word.**

OPENING HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Geeganage

Lord Jesus, Teacher of our souls, enlighten us with your wisdom, encourage us through your words, and empower us to do your will so that we are ready to go into the world with your words of mercy on our lips, your way of peace to guide our feet, and your work of justice in our hands. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-6

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all the decrees and the commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Romanze

M. Bruch Grace Geeganage, violist

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may reside in your tent? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

- People: Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.
- Leader: Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.
- People: Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and keep their promises even when it hurts.
- Leader: Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.
- People: Such people will stand firm forever.

HYMN OF PRAYER #549 Where Charity and Love Prevail Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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

James 1:19-27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Forgotten Letters of the Bible: James

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HYMN OF DEDICATION #413

A Charge to Keep I Have

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@northchurchindy.com

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood Senior Pastor Cory Unthank Minister of Youth and Young Adults Mark Gilgallon Director of Music John Hague & Dick Luchtman Audio Visual David Geeganage Liturgist Grace Geeganage Violist Robert A. Schilling Organist North's Minister of Worship and the Arts, 1961-2002

Upcoming Worship Services on Sunday, July 26 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

High School Graduation Recognition Sunday July 19, 2-3 p.m. Drive through the North Church parking lot and say "congrats!" to our recent high school graduates! Laura Schilling Gabby Green Anna Lee Hensel Robbie Sheffield Tyler Pipkin Decorate your vehicles, make signs, bring cards, and more to show these grads your support! Email coryunthank@northchurchindy.com for questions or more info.