



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Leader: The God of goodness reigns,

People: let all creatures rejoice.

Leader: The Christ of compassion reigns,

People: let all people rejoice.

Leader: The Spirit of liberation reigns,

People: let all nations rejoice. Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING HYMN #157

Jesus Shall Reign

***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

***People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.***

***Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all pris'ners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sunil Kotain

Gentle and strong God,

to serve you is freedom and to know you is joy.

Quiet in us the voices competing for our allegiance,

and remove from us any thought that does not come from you.

By your Spirit, reveal through the scriptures

the life-giving reign of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

When [the temple police] had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the

apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

DUET

Ancient Words

L. Deshazo/arr. J. Purifoy
Jerry & Kathy Hacker, vocalists

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice. Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. *Refrain*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 146

Amy Sell

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises throughout my life.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**People: who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;**

Leader: who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

**People: The Sovereign God sets the prisoners free;
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: Our Sovereign God lifts up those who are bowed down;
and loves the righteous.

**People: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow,
but destroys the way of the wicked.**

Leader: The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAYER #437

This Is My Song

***This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***

***My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.***

***This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.***

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!***

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:12-23

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree

bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Civics Class for Christians

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #428

For the Healing of the Nations

***For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.***

***Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude

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Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@northchurchindy.com

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague & Dick Luchtman

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Pastoral Intern

Jerry & Kathy Hacker

Song Leaders

Upcoming Worship Services on Sunday, July 12

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

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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