



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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August 2, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on Rhosymedre</i>	R. Vaughan Williams
WELCOME		Darren Cushman Wood
PROJECT TRANSFORMATION UPDATE		Allison Galloway
BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Amy Sell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, let my soul rise up to meet you

People: as the day rises to meet the sun.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

People: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING HYMN #717

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

***In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. [Refrain]***

***He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]***

**Great God, instill in us your Spirit
to show us how
to guide love with justice,
and to lead justice with gentleness,
so that your will may be done on earth as in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

His Strength is Perfect

S. Curtis Chapman
Ron Berry, soloist

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength,
But sometimes I wonder what He can do through me;
No great success to show, no glory of my own.
Yet in my weakness He is there to let me know...

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone. He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in His power, the weak become strong. His strength is perfect.*

We can only know the power that He holds when we truly see how deep our weakness goes;
His strength in us begins where ours comes to an end.
He hears our humble cry and proves again... [Refrain]

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 85:1-4, 7-12

Amy Sell

Leader: Lord, you poured out blessings on your land!
You restored the fortunes of Israel.

**People: You forgave the guilt of your people;
yes, you covered all their sins.**

Leader: You held back your fury;
you kept back your blazing anger.

**People: Now restore us again, O God of our salvation.
Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: I listen carefully to what God our Sovereign is saying,
who speaks peace to faithful people.
Let them not return to their foolish ways.
Surely salvation is near to those who fear God,
so our land will be filled with divine glory.

**People: Unfailing love and truth will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss!**

Leader: Fidelity will spring up from the earth,
and righteousness will smile down from heaven.

**People: Yes, the Lord pours down blessings.
Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #117

O God Our Help in Ages Past

***O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!***

***A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an ev'ning gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.***

***O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.***

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

2 Peter 3:8-13

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,

and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Forgotten Letters of the Bible: Second Peter

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #2182

When God Restored Our Common Life

***When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.***

***We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.***

***Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B Minor

Eugène Gigout

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@northchurchindy.com

This week's worship leaders:

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Upcoming Worship Service on Sunday, August 9
11 a.m. via Livestream

Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom

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