



Umoja Sunday, August 9, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Assurance

arr. J. Ness Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

Umoja Partnership

Denise Soltis, Executive Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Love Divine awaken our hearts

People: to see you in every human face.

Leader: O Love Divine awaken our minds

People: to find you in every commonplace.

OPENING HYMN #111

How Can We Name a Love

***How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
in dwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in ev'ry human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.***

***When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.***

***So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet ev'ry name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jacqueline Blackwell

Everlasting God,

whose tenacious love holds us:

make our hearts the house of your truth,

and make our minds the realm of your wisdom

so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of God,
because of all that God has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that the Lord has shown them according to God's mercy,
according to the abundance of the Lord's steadfast love.
For God said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and became their savior
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but God's presence that saved them;
God's love and pity redeemed them;
the Lord lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart
Amy Cuomo, soloist

Laudate eum, omnespopuli. Quoniamconfirmataest Super nosmisericordiaeius, Etveritas Domini manet in aeternum.	Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, Sicuterat in principio, et nunc, et semper. Et in saeculasaeculorum.Amen.	Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 107:1-9

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**People: those whom God redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their souls fainted within them.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;
The Sovereign One led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.**

Leader: Let them be thankful for God's steadfast love,
for the Lord's wonderful works to humankind.

**People: For God satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #408

The Gift of Love

***Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.***

***Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed; by this we worship, and are freed.***

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

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Forgotten Letters of the Bible: First John

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #422

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

***Jesus, thine all-victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.***

***Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through ev'ry part and sanctify the whole.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Finale
from *Concerto No. 5*

G. F. Handel

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@northchurchindy.com

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Donna Sandage and John Drake on August 9th.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Kathleen Custer
North's Associate Organist
1982 - 1989
John Hague &
Dick Tiller-Luchtman
Audio Visual
Jacqueline Blackwell
Liturgist
Amy Cuomo
Soloist

Upcoming Worship Service on Sunday, August 16
11 a.m. via Live stream

Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5 p.m. via Zoom
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