



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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August 16, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cory Unthank

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We were created out of God's pure delight.

People: Glory, power and praise to our Maker!

Leader: We are saved by God's tenacious love.

People: Glory, power and praise to the Messiah!

Leader: We will be united in God's enduring hope.

People: Glory, power and praise to the Spirit!

Leader: Let all the hosts above and all on earth below

proclaim the glory, power and praise of the Eternal, Triune God!

OPENING HYMN #88

Maker, in Whom We Live

***Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, pow'r, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.***

***Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heav'nly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb."***

***Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing pow'r.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.***

***Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heav'n and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.***

**O God,
we need the illumination of your Spirit
to obey your commands,
to keep our covenant,
and to remember rightly
the revelation of your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:14-18

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who did those great signs in our sight, who protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. The Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, who is our God.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Consecration

J. Ness Beck/arr. C. Courtney
Nathanael Hein, soloist; Allegra Hein, piano

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless 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 voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.
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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 119:1-8

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies,
who seek God with their whole heart,**

Leader: who also do no wrong,
but walk in God's ways.

**People: You have commanded your decrees
to be kept diligently.**

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes.

**People: Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**People: I will obey your statutes;
do not abandon me forever.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #475

Come Down, O Love Divine

***Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Cory Unthank

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 John 4-11

I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to God's commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it.

Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ comes in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes

beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching; for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person.

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 John

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #598

O Word of God Incarnate

***O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchang'd, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallow'd page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

***O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@northchurchindy.com

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy P. Esterline on what would have been her 106th birthday, August 20th, by her family.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Cory Unthank
Minister of Youth & Young Adults
John Hague & Eric Galloway
Audio Visual
David Barker
Liturgist
Kathleen Custer
Organist
Nathanael Hein
Soloist
Allegra Hein
Piano

Upcoming Worship Services on Sunday, August 23
11 a.m. via Livestream

Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom
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