



September 20, 2020

PRELUDE *Tuba Tune in D Flat* F. Ashdown
WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood
ANNOUNCEMENTS Cory Unthank

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Mighty God is leading us with tenacious hope.

People: Bread of Heaven, be our joy.

Leader: The Mighty God is guiding us with steadfast love.

People: Strong Deliverer, be our strength.

OPENING HYMN #127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reese Williams

**Lord, as the scriptures are read
center our lives in your presence
and remove all fears from our hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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!***

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

*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.*

LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray for peace and justice in the world.

O Holy Trinity, we praise you that you are
the sustainer of all peoples and the judge of all nations.
The world is aching under the weight of sin and evil.
With confidence in your steadfast love and faithfulness,
we pray for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Lord of life, inspire justice
in the workplace and the marketplace
that will lift the poor out of poverty
and establish equality in our economy.

People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Leader: Prince of peace, instill harmony
among the nations and the peoples,
that wars may cease, hatred may vanish,
and reconciliation may flourish.

People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Leader: Spirit of liberation, empower freedom
for the oppressed and the exploited,
that your image will be honored in every person
and dignity will mark every relationship.

People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, your mercy is great.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, your mercy is complete.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, your mercy is everlasting.

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, the Mother of us all.
All praise and honor are yours, Holy One, now and for all ages. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND GRIEVING

Cory Unthank

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

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!***

SOLO

The Lord is My Light

Psalm 27

O. Speaks

Ron Berry, soloist

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet will not my heart be afraid,
and though there rose up wars against me, yet will not my heart be afraid.
For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle,
yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in God's temple.
For the Lord will hide and shelter me
in the day of trouble;
God will conceal me under the cover of zir* tent;
and will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in zir tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!'

Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my parents forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Singing Garden: Songs of Assurance

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

v. 1&3

***He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'n-ly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.***

***Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follow'r I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.***

***Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfares

E. Childs

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by David and Michael Came in celebration of their fourth wedding anniversary, and in honor of the love and support of North Church.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Cory Unthank, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*
John Hague & Dick Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*
Reese Williams, *Liturgist*
Ron Berry, *Soloist*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. via Livestream
Parking Lot Vesper Services
Sundays, September 20 & 27 at 6:00 p.m.