



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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September 6, 2020

PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Arr. Van Denman Thompson
Wm. N. Runyan

WELCOME

Diane Gattone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cory Unthank

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to love one another, because love is from God.

People: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

Leader: We are called to extend the love of God to everyone.

People: We are taught to love through the witness of God's faithful people.

Leader: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

People: In all of creation, in all of our relationships, may God's love be made known. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light,
by your Word, you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
that our hearts and minds may be opened
to know your truth and your way.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Si Fuera Guitarra

Becky Archibald
composer/pianist

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalms 119

Amy Sell

Leader: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise.

**People: Then shall I have answer for those who taunt me,
for I trust in your word.**

Leader: And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your ordinances.

People: I will keep your law continually, for ever and ever.

Leader: And I shall walk at liberty,
for I have sought your precepts.

**People: I will also speak of your testimonies before rulers,
and shall not be put to shame;**

Leader: for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

**People: I revere your commandments, which I love
and I will meditate on your statutes.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!***

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

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love Your Neighbor

Diane Gattone

HYMN OF DEDICATION #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

***We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.***

***When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sortie in E Flat

Louis J. A. Lefébure-Wély

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 50th wedding anniversary of Don and Gail Nelson who were married on this day, September 6, 1970 at North United Methodist Church under Senior Pastor Byron Stroh and Associate Pastor Robert Kessinger who performed the ceremony including a sermon on "hope". The organist that day was Rev. Bob Schilling who is playing today in honor of the occasion. Today's prelude selections are theirs.

This week's worship leaders:

Diane Gattone

Pastor of Care & Nurture

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

John Hague &

Dick Tiller-Luchtman

Audio Visual

Cory Unthank

Minister of Youth & Young Adults

Rosie & Greg Jordan

Song Leaders

Becky Archibald

Pianist

Robert A. Schilling

Guest Organist

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. via Livestream

Parking Lot Vesper Services

Sundays, September 13, 20 & 27 at 6:00 p.m.

School 43 Uniform Drive

Deliver to Pastor Darren

4324 N Park Ave, Indianapolis 46205

Deadline: September 7

The Book of Psalms Small Groups Forming

7-week study to follow the sermon series

Virtual groups begin meeting the week of Sept. 13

Monday thru Thursday 7pm; Wednesday 10:30am

To register email asell@northchurchindy.com