



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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October 18, 2020

GATHERING		Heather Hinton
GREETING		Darren Cushman Wood
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Cory Unthank
PRELUDE	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	arr. J. Spong
CALL TO WORSHIP		Cory Unthank
	Leader: The Healer of the nation comes to destroy our fears and raise our hope. People: Help us rise and pledge our word to a life of love in action. Leader: The Creator of the universe abides to protect the weak and bless all creatures. People: Help us rise and pledge our word to a life of love in action.	
OPENING HYMN #428	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i> <i>For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.</i> <i>Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.</i> <i>All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Boston Cahoon
	Come, Holy Spirit, inspire our minds to hear old truths, our hearts to dream new dreams, our hands to make a better offering, and our voices to sing your highest praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

The Serenity Prayer

J.R. Gray

Angela Brown, Soloist

God, grant me serenity, to accept the things I cannot change - I need serenity; Courage to change the things that I can; and the wisdom to know the diff'rence! Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. I need serenity! Taking as You did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it! Trusting that You will make all things right - if I surrender to Your will! That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy, with You, forever in the next! I need serenity! God, grant me serenity! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAYER #437

This Is My Song

***This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.***

***This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***

***This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.***

LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray for our nation.

Eternal God, the nations rise and fall under the sovereignty of your grace.

We give you thanks for our country:

the beauty of the land, the labor of its people, and the hope of its ideals.

We lift up our nation to you in prayer,

to confirm its goodness and confess its sins.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Grant our nation the balm of your mercy.

Bring healing to all who suffer from the coronavirus

and comfort to all who care for the afflicted.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Guide our nation with the light of your truth.

Lead us out of the sin of racism and into the blessings of your equality.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Give our nation the vision of your justice.

Sustain those who are unemployed with your hope.

Inspire us to create an economy of fairness and opportunity.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Gather our nation under the banner of your peace.
Restrain the violence in our hearts and in our streets.
Show us how to build communities of reconciliation and joy.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: You have called us, your church, to be your salt and light in society.
May your Spirit inspire us to put our prayers into action
for the well-being of our neighbors and the welfare of our nation,
to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Cory Unthank

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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!***

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Peter Chen, Member, Board of Directors

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Darren Cushman Wood

SOLO

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

arr. M. Bonds
Angela Brown, Soloist

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the wood and the waters in his hand, he's got the sun and the moon right in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand, he's got the beasts of the field right in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me right in his hand, he's got everybody in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 79

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Singing Garden: Communal Prayers for Help

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #435

O God of Every Nation

***O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.***

***From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.***

***Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

O Praise the Gracious Power

arr. W. Wold

*The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of the
life of Jean Moland who passed away on October 13.*

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Cory Unthank
Minister of Youth & Young Adults
John Hague & Dick Tiller-Luchtman
Audio Visual
Boston Cahoon
Liturgist
Angela Brown
Soloist
Heather Hinton
Organist
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director

Women in Early Christianity

Sunday School study led by Dr. Perry Kea
Meets virtually 9:45-10:45 am, Sundays Oct 11-Nov 15
To receive Zoom link email:
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Chronic Pain Group

Will meet virtually Thursday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm
Myofascial Release and Chronic Pain
Presenters: Leanne Lafuze & Julie Dryden
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