



October 25, 2020
Stewardship Sunday
True North: Lasting Connections

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

PRELUDE

Allegro
from *String Quartet No. 4 in C*

W. A. Mozart

North Quartet: Davis Brooks, Yunjung Lee, violin;
Lisa Brooks, viola; Kurt Fowler, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

People: Extol God, all you peoples!

Leader: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN #110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;

Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

**O God,
 Lover of humanity,
 Joy of creation:
 Pour out your Spirit on us
 that we may hear your ancient words in a new key.
 Inspire us to sing your praise
 in every land and with every generation,
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We want you to know, beloved, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO	Shiviti	M. Isaacson/arr. S. Potts
Sung in Hebrew	Ps. 16:8-11	Mark Gilgallon, soloist

Shiviti Adonai l' negdi tamid, kimini bal emot.

I set Adonai before me always, because God is with me I will not be moved.

Lachein samach libi vayagel k'vodi, af b'sari yishkon lavetach.

My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.

Kilo taazov nafshi lishol, lo titein chasidcha lirot shachat.

You will not abandon my soul to Sheol nor let Your faithful one see the pit.

Todieini orach chayim, sova s'machot et panecha, n'imot bimincha netsach.

You show me the path of life, in Your presence is fullness of joy, and pleasures for evermore.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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

Ron Gifford, Chair, Board of Directors

SPECIAL MUSIC

Menuetto
from *String Quartet No. 10 in C*

W.A. Mozart
North Quartet:
Davis Brooks, Yunjung Lee, violin;
Lisa Brooks, viola; Kurt Fowler, cello

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,
who has done marvelous things.
God's right hand and holy arm
have gained the victory.
The Lord has made known this victory;
and has revealed our vindication in the sight of the nations.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Lord our Sovereign.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord who is coming
to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Singing Garden: Communal Songs of Praise

Darren Cushman Wood

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: To the glory of God, who called us by grace;
to the honor of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us;
to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us:

People: We give thanks for gifts given and for love shared in the Holy Spirit.

Leader: For the worship of God,
for the comfort of those who suffer,
for the unity of the faith in this house

**People: We give thanks for what you have given,
for what you are providing,
and for what you will do in us and through us. Amen.**

HYMN OF DEDICATION #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning

bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. C. Phillips

This week's worship leaders:

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Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

Pastoral Intern

John Hague, Jack Haefling & James Horton

Audio Visual

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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Daily Living in the COVID Era video link is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewMyFFXyNt0&t=2s>

OR you can access on the North website
in Livestreaming under Care & Nurture.