



**NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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November 15, 2020

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

*Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

arr. D. Blackwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Earth and heaven delight in your presence.

**People: We adore you, God of glory, Lord of love!**

Leader: Stars and angels surround you with unbroken praise.

**People: We adore you, God of glory, Lord of love!**

Leader: God of glory, Lord of love:

unite us with your mighty chorus,

and lift us to your joy divine.

OPENING HYMN #89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;***

***hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.***

***Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.***

***Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!***

***All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.***

***Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God,**

**silence our cheap excuses and easy answers**

**so we can hear your Word.**

**Challenge our priorities and overturn our assumptions**

**so we can do your will,**

**in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

*Quia fecit mihi magna  
from Magnificat*

J.S. Bach  
Ron Dukes

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen ejus.  
*Because he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 46

Cory Unthank

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
God speaks and the earth melts.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

**People: The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: 'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.'

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #581

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

***Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift that you impart.***

***Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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!***

UPDATE ON STEWARDSHIP

Doshia Stewart

SOLO

*Deep River*

arr. H.T. Burleigh  
Ron Dukes

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel-feast?  
That Promised Land, where all is peace?

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*After the Shouting Comes the Listening*

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #108

*God Has Spoken by the Prophets*

***God hath spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming, God the One, the righteous Lord!  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.***

***God yet speaketh by the Spirit, speaketh to our hearts again;  
in the age-long Word expounding God's own message, now as then.  
Thru the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Hymn to Joy*

D. Janzer

*The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God and  
in celebration of 30 years of wedded adventuring by Robin Reagan and Frank Messina.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood  
*Senior Pastor*

John Hague & James Horton  
*Audio Visual*

Heather Hinton  
*Organist*

Cory Unthank  
*Minister of Youth & Young Adults*

Ron Dukes  
*Soloist*

Jerry and Kathy Hacker  
*Song Leaders*

*Daily Living in the COVID Era: Mental Health*  
is now available on the North website in Livestreaming.

4-Week Virtual Advent Studies

**Sundays, 9:45-10:45am beginning Nov. 29**

"Peace, Justice, Joy, and Salvation: An Advent Study"

To register, email: [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)

**Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm beginning Dec. 1**

"Advent: The Weary World Rejoices"

To register, email: [skotian1@cts.edu](mailto:skotian1@cts.edu)