



July 25, 2021 - Livestream  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

II. *Romanza: Andantino e Cantabile*  
from *Grand Concerto in F Major*

J.N. Hummel/A. Sprung  
Nick Brightman, Bass Clarinet  
Kathleen Custer, piano

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the redemption Jesus offers,  
for the life-gate he opens, let the people rejoice:

**People: to God be the glory, praise the Lord!**

Leader: For the great things Jesus has taught us,  
for the great things he has done, let the people rejoice:

**People: to God be the glory, praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN #98

*To God Be the Glory*

***To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.***

**Refrain:**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,***

***and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

***O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)***

***Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)***

*\*Standing as you are able or comfortable.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of grace,  
as the scriptures are read  
reveal your truth  
and revive our lives  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. <sup>3</sup>You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" <sup>6</sup>And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO/ANTHEM

*Offertory*

J.N. Beck  
Summer Choir

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*God has shown you, has shown you, God has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 101:1-6

Leader: I will sing of your love and justice, Lord.

I will praise you with songs.

**People: I will be careful to live a blameless life—  
when will you come to help me?**

Leader: I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.

I will refuse to look at anything vulgar and vile.

**People: I hate all who deal crookedly;  
I will have nothing to do with them.**

Leader: I will reject perverse ideas  
and stay away from every evil.

**People: I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors.  
I will not endure conceit and pride.**

Leader: I will search for faithful people  
to be my companions.

**People: Only those who are above reproach  
will be allowed to serve me.**

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy....

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## 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

*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

Hebrews 11:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #436

*The Voice of God Is Calling*

***The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;  
 Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:  
 "Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?  
 Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?  
 "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;  
 no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.  
 I see my people falling in darkness and despair.  
 Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"***

***We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!  
 Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.  
 Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;  
 but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.***

***From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;  
 purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;  
 take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.  
 Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!***

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Festive Prelude*

J. Pethel

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Joan Lafuze's 84th birthday on July 31st, as well as in memory of Ralph Lafuze who would have turned 89 on the same day.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
 Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
 John Hague & Jack Haefling, *Audio Visual*  
 Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*  
 Kathleen Custer, *Organist*

Reminder for Today! Children, Youth, and Families Picnic  
 Tarkington Park, Sunday, July 25 12-2 p.m.

Farmer's Market on July 29, 4-6:30 p.m.

Backpack and Back-to-School Blessing - Sunday, August 1

Youth Canoe Trip at Turkey Run - Saturday, August 14

Meet at church at 10:15 a.m.

RSVP by Sunday, August 1 @ [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)