



August 29, 2021 - Livestream
14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Allegretto Moderato
from *Sonata for Piano & Violin in A Major*

C. Franck
Kathy Schilling, violin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of love, the God of power has called us for this hour

People: to serve with willing hands!

Leader: The God of love, the God of power has called us for this hour

People: to sing with joyful hearts!

Leader: Come and let us offer our lives for the cause of Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #578

God of Love and God of Power

***God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.***

[Refrain] *God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

***We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.*** [Refrain]

***All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere.*** [Refrain]

***God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.*** [Refrain]

COVENANT OF BAPTISM [11:00]

Simone Svirsky
Hymnal pg. 39

#2249

God Claims You

refrain (x2)

***Simone, Simone, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

Commendation and Welcome

Hymnal pg. 43

Leader: Members of the household of God, I commend Simone to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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God Claims You

refrain

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God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Toby Powell

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-2

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sanctus

J.S. Bach/arr. Fettke

Summer Choir/Kathy Schilling, Violin

Holy, holy Lord, the God of power and might, the earth is filled with your glory;
holy, holy Lord, who was and is and is to come, we offer honor, wealth and blessing,
thanks and praise, now and forevermore.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 43

Sunil Kotian

Leader: Declare me innocent, O God! Defend me against these ungodly people.

People: Rescue me from these unjust liars. For you are God, my only safe haven.

Leader: Why have you tossed me aside?

People: Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?

Leader: Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me.

People: Lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.

Leader: There I will go to the altar of God, the source of all my joy.

People: I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!

Leader: Why am I discouraged?

People: Why is my heart so sad?

Leader: I will put my hope in God!

People: I will offer my praise again to my Savior and my God!

HYMN OF PRAYER #2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

(2x)

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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 Esther 4:5-14

⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.'¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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- Green Team
- LGBTQ+ Ministries
- United Methodist Women
- Justice & Advocacy

Other/Comments

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Toby Powel

Liturgist

John Hague & James Horton

Audio Visual

Kathy Schilling

Violin

Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Heather Hinton

Organist

Child Care available for 6 weeks to Pre-K in room 102.

Sign-ups:

Band Gathering Sign-Up to participate in or form a band, email Jennifer at: jharrington@northchurchindy.com

Youth Group Pool Party at the Coopers', Sunday, September 5th, 1-4pm, email Amy at: asell@northchurchindy.com

Family Olympics, Friday, September 10, 5-8pm, Email Amy at: asell@northchurchindy.com

Volunteer at Bread and Bowl, email Sunil at: skotian@northchurchindy.com

Volunteer at Farmers Market, email Sunil at: skotian@northchurchindy.com

"Major Issues for the Minor Prophets" Bible Study, Wed. 6:30pm zoom, begins September 15, email Jennifer at: jharrington@northchurchindy.com

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SERMON *The B-Listed Bible Characters Series: Mordecai* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #582 *Whom Shall I Send?*

Whom shall I send? Our Maker cries; and many, when they hear God's voice, are sure where their vocation lies; but many shrink from such a choice.

For who can serve a God so pure, or claim to speak in such a name, while doubt makes every step unsure, and self confuses every aim?

And yet, believing God who calls knows what we are and still may be, our past defeats, our future falls, we dare to answer: Lord, send me!

Those who are called God purifies, and daily gives us strength to bend our thoughts, our skills, our energies, and life itself to this one end.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Allegretto poco mosso* C. Franck
from *Sonata for Piano & Violin in A Major*
Kathy Schilling, violin

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in honor of Donald Eugene Smith-Brown's ("Mr. Don's") birthday.

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