



October 3, 2021 - Livestream
19th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

PRELUDE

Now We Join in Celebration

arr. D. Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, let my soul rise up to meet you

People: as the day rises to meet the sun.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord and come into God's presence with singing!

OPENING HYMN #428

For the Healing of the Nations

***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.***

***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.***

***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.***

***You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:8-12

⁸"Therefore wait for me," declares the Lord,
"for the day when I rise up to seize the prey.
For my decision is to gather nations,
to assemble kingdoms,
to pour out upon them my indignation,
all my burning anger;

for in the fire of my jealousy
all the earth shall be consumed.

⁹“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech,
that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord
and serve God with one accord.

¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Cush
my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.

¹¹“On that day you shall not be put to shame
because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me;
for then I will remove from your midst
your proudly exultant ones,
and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain.

¹²But I will leave in your midst
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord,

¹³those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no injustice
and speak no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue.
For they shall graze and lie down,
and none shall make them afraid.”

SOLO *O Rest in the Lord* F. Mendelssohn
from *Elijah* Ron Berry, soloist

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Psalm 37:1-7a Sunil Kotian

Leader: Do not worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.

**People: For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

**People: Take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit everything you do to the Lord.

People: Trust God, and God will help you.

Leader: The Lord will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,

People: and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

Leader: Be still in the presence of the Lord,

People: and wait patiently for God to act.

SECOND LESSON James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You

have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

SERMON

Ripe Faith, Part 4: Patience

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #534

Be Still, My Soul

***Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.***

***Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.***

***Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Amy Sell

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus, who emptied himself of all but love,
calls us to empty ourselves of sin and be filled with the meal of grace:

**People: God of loyal love, we confess
that we have failed to be an obedient church:
We have not been patient or kind;
we have been arrogant and rude.
We have rejoiced in wrongdoing;
we have not rejoiced in the truth.
Repair our faith;
renew our hope,
and restore our love
for you and one another,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Leader: God's love never ends.
The pure unbounded love of God in Jesus Christ
has set us free to live and love anew. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TRUE NORTH STAYING THE COURSE WITH DISCIPLESHIP

Angie Kattman

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
from *Missa Kenya*

P. Basler

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Jeff Warbinton, John Hague, percussion;
Nick Brightman, saxophone

***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!***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and made us equal in your sight.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses
to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples,
and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.**

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, nricketts@northchurchindy.com

PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #566

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

v.1,4-5

***Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.***

***We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!***

***Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

arr. R. Hobby

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in celebration and memory of Joan and Ralph Lafuze's wedding anniversary on World Communion Sunday
and in memory of Dorothy and Jim Esterline's wedding anniversary October 2nd.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
John Hague, Jack Haefling, Carol Tiller-Luchtman,
Jeff Linnan. *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Coming up at North:

New Member Class

3 Sundays beginning Oct. 10 @ 9:45am in the Courtyard
Email jharrington@northchurchindy.com

Memorial Service for Rev. David Owen

Sunday, October 10 at 1:30pm

This service will be in person and available via livestream
at northchurchindy.com

Family Fun Day at the Old Playground

4-6pm on Sundays, Oct. 10 & 24

Open to all families with children or youth.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, friends, and food.

Trunk-or-Treat, October 31, 2-3:30pm

Email asell@northchurchindy.com if you would like to:

Host a Trunk, Help with Set-up or Help with Clean-up

Volunteer at Bread and Bowl

Email skotian@northchurchindy.com