



September 19, 2021 - Livestream  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Allegro*  
from *Flute Quartet in D Major*

W.A. Mozart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Earth and heaven delight in your presence, O Lord.

**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 flowers before thee, opening 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 heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.***

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

***Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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

Zechariah 8:18-23

18 The Lord All-Powerful told me to say: 19 People of Judah, I, the Lord, demand that whenever you go without food as a way of worshipping me, it should become a time of celebration. No matter if it's the fourth month, the fifth month, the seventh month, or the tenth month, you should have a joyful festival. So love truth and live at peace. 20 I tell you that people will come here from cities everywhere. 21 Those of one town will go to another and say, "We're going to ask the Lord All-Powerful to treat us with kindness. Come and join us."

22 Many people from strong nations will come to Jerusalem to worship me and to ask me to treat them with kindness. 23 When this happens, ten people from nations with different languages will grab a Jew by his clothes and say, "Let us go with you. We've heard that God is on your side." I, the Lord All-Powerful, have spoken!

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Adagio*  
from *Flute Quartet in D Major*

W.A. Mozart

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalms 98

Sunil Kotian

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song who has done marvelous things.

**People: God's right hand and holy arm have gained the victory.**

Leader: The Lord has made known this victory;

**People: and God's vindication has been revealed in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: God has remembered to show steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**People: the world and those who live in it.**

Leader: 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.

**People: God will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #644

*Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

v.1

***Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.***

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.**

HYMN #644

*Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

v.2

***Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;  
where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Rondeau*  
from *Flute Quartet in D Major*

W.A. Mozart

\*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

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #133

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

***What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)***

***What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)***

## \*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*A Rejoicing*

A. Fedak

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by David and Michael Came in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary, and in honor of the love and support of North Church.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor  
Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach  
John Hague & James Horton, Audio Visual  
Heather Hinton, Organist

Musicians of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Rebecca Price Arrensens- Flute  
Lisa Scott- Violin  
Terry Langdon- Viola  
Perry Scott- Cello

This week's sign-ups:

Volunteer at Bread and Bowl  
Email [skotian@northchurchindy.com](mailto:skotian@northchurchindy.com)

"Major Issues for the Minor Prophets" Bible Study  
Wednesdays 6:30pm zoom, began September 15,  
Email [jharrington@northchurchindy.com](mailto:jharrington@northchurchindy.com)

Land Development Forums  
Fellowship Hall, Sunday, September 26, 9:45am  
Zoom, Monday, September 27, 6:30pm  
Email [jharrington@northchurchindy.com](mailto:jharrington@northchurchindy.com)

New Member Class  
3 Sundays beginning Oct. 10 @ 9:45am in the Courtyard  
Email [jharrington@northchurchindy.com](mailto:jharrington@northchurchindy.com)