



October 17, 2021 - Livestream
21st Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er

arr. R. Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call on the name of the Gracious God.

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation. Alleluia!

Leader: Call on the name of the Loving Lord.

People: We will offer the sacrifice of gratitude. Alleluia!

Leader: Call on the name of the Saving Spirit.

People: We will fulfill the vow of faith. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #100

God Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;

hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:

Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;

mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:

Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;

Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free;

sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;

live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Jo Stinnette

Generous God,

you have given us the scriptures and your Spirit to understand them.

Our hearts are open to receive the riches of your truth,

and our hands are ready to share the wealth of your grace,

in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:2-11

²Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house. ³Then the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ⁴Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. ⁹You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the soil produces, on human beings and animals, and on all their labors.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

The Lord is My Light

Psalm 27

F. Allitsen

Regina Walker, soloist

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life though an host of men were laid against me.

Yet shall not my heart be afraid and though there rose up war against me.

Yet will I put my trust in Him.

For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.

Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling He shall hide me and set me upon a rock of stone!

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Sunil Kotian

Leader: I love the Lord, for God heard my voice;
and heard my cry for mercy.

**People: Because God's ear was turned toward me,
I will call on God as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord
for all God's goodness to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.**

Leader: Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of God's faithful servants.

**People: Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.**

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.

**People: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,**

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

People: Hallelujah!

***When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door, lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer,
may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware that the world we banish is our Christian care.***

***If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars high above this hungry, suffering world of ours,
lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs, forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

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 #592

When the Church of Jesus

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***Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time, serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame,
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give; teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.***

TRUE NORTH STAYING THE COURSE WITH MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mary Jo Stinnette

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Meditations of My Heart*E. Hagenberg
Cathedral Singers

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.
O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

*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!

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say,

“They share freely and give generously to the poor.

Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”

¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, God will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ripe Faith Part 6: Generosity

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude

U. Seifert

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in honor of the 40th anniversary of Elizabeth Bowman and Philip Coons.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor

Diane Gattone, Pastor of Care & Nurture

Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Mary Jo Stinnette, Liturgist

John Hague & James Horton, Audio Visual

Heather Hinton, Organist

Mark Gilgallon, Music Director

Coming up at North:

Family Fun Day at the Old Playground
4-6pm on Sundays, Oct 24

Open to all families with children or youth.
Come join us for fun, fellowship, friends, and food.
RSVP by Wednesday, October 20
Email asell@northchurchindy.com

Covenant Conversations
October 25, 5:00pm via ZOOM
Email jdrake@northchurchindy.com for the ZOOM link

Volunteer for the Boo! Home Repairs Event
October 30, 8:30 am-1:00 pm.
Email skotian@northchurchindy.com

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

Introduction to Contemplative Prayer Workshop
Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:30am-12:30pm, Fellowship Hall
\$20 book fee due at the event
RSVP to asell@northchurchindy.com

Volunteer at Bread and Bowl
Email skotian@northchurchindy.com