



October 31, 2021 - Livestream  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

TRUE NORTH STAYING THE COURSE VIDEO

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*O Worship the King*

arr. N. Harmon

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise God who fills the world with love.

**People: We bring the sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: Serve God who renews our lives with grace.

**People: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.**

\*OPENING HYMN #604

*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

***Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, source of all blessing, prodigal creator.***

***Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, while we adore you.***

***Not our own holiness nor that we have striven bring us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.***

***Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.***

***Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.***

***Baptize with joy and power, give, O Dove descending, life never ending.***

***Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.***

***Here now renew your church through this water given; grant peace from heaven.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Robin Reagan

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

<sup>7</sup> After the Lord your God gives land to each of you, there may be poor Israelites in the town where you live. If there are, then don't be mean and selfish with your money. <sup>8</sup> Instead, be kind and lend them what they need. <sup>9</sup> Be careful! Don't say to yourself, "Soon it will be the seventh year, and then I won't be able to get my money back." It would be horrible for you to think that way and to be so selfish that you refuse to help the poor. They are your relatives, and if you don't help them, they may ask the Lord to decide whether you have done wrong. And God will say that you are guilty. <sup>10</sup> You should be happy to give the poor what they need, because then the Lord will make you successful in everything you do. <sup>11</sup> There will always be some Israelites who are poor and needy. That is why I am commanding you to be generous with them.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM  
11:00

*Let the People Praise Thee, O God*

W. Matthias  
Cathedral Singers

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us:  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.  
That thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #791

Psalm 67

Sunil Kotian

Leader: O God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make your face to shine upon us,  
**People: that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
**People: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**  
Leader: God has blessed us;  
**People: let all the ends of the earth fear God!**

HYMN OF PRAYER #102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

v. 1-2

***Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***  
  
***O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.***

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 #102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

v. 3

***All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.***

TRUE NORTH STAYING THE COURSE

Robin Reagan, Stewardship Chair

SOLO *All Good Gifts* S. Schwartz  
from *Godspell* Chad Barton, soloist

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts! *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:14-16

<sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through Christ, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess Jesus' name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

arr. R. Staheli  
Kate Roberts & Regina Walker, soloists;  
Cathedral Singers

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing.

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death-knells ringing,  
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing.  
In prison cell or dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging,  
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing.

What if my joys and comforts die? I know that Truth is living.  
What though the darkness 'round me close? Still Truth its light is giving!  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;  
since Love is Lord of heaven and earth: How can I keep from singing.

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.  
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace from Love makes fresh my heart, a song of hope is springing.  
All things are mine since Truth I've found: How can I keep from singing.

SERMON

*True North Staying the Course Together*

Darren Cushman Wood  
& Sunil Kotian

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #87

*What Gift Can We Bring*

v. 1-3

*As we sing, you are invited to come forward and place your 2022 pledge in one of the baskets.*

***What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?***

***Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.***

***Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.***

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray:

Midwife of beauty, Composer of life,  
thank you for the gift of life and the goodness of creation  
that sustains and delights us.  
With grateful hearts

**People: we dedicate these gifts to you.**

Leader: Great Redeemer, Generous Sovereign  
thank you for the gift of salvation and the hope of healing  
that forgives and frees us.  
With grateful hearts

**People: we offer our lives to you.**

Leader: Flame of holy desire, Fount of every blessing  
thank you for every gift that unites and inspires the church  
to share the abundance of your grace to the world.  
With the saints and angels above  
and with every creature here below

**People: we sing our praise and shout for joy. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN #87

*What Gift Can We Bring*

v. 4

***This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. D. Johnson

*The flowers on the altar are given for the  
glory of God and in celebration of the  
marriage of Jacqueline Blackwell and Jack  
Leonard on October 3, 2020.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor  
Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach  
Robin Reagan, Liturgist  
John Hague & Eric Russell, Audio Visual  
Heather Hinton, Organist  
Mark Gilgallon, Music Director

Coming up at North:

Trunk-or-Treat  
Today, 2-3:30pm in the North parking lot

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](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)

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