



December 26, 2021 - Livestream  
First Sunday after Christmas Day

GATHERING

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*

arr. Paul Manz

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

**People: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!**

**Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**

Leader: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

**People: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

\*OPENING HYMN #246

*Joy to the World*

***Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.***

***Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Bowman

**Almighty God, as the scriptures are read**

**pour upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word.**

**Enlighten our hearts and shine forth in our lives;**

**through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. <sup>14</sup>And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup>The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. <sup>16</sup>The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of our Sovereign Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SOLO

*Lullaby*

R. Thompson

from *Nativity According to St. Luke*

Regina Walker, soprano

Upon my lap my sovereign sits and sleeps upon my breast;  
Meantime his love maintains my life and gives my sense her rest.

*Sing lullaby, my little boy, sing lullaby, mine only joy!*

I grieve that duty doth not work all that my wishing would;  
Because I would not be to thee but in the best I should.

Yet as I am, and as I may, I must and will be thine.  
Though all too little for thyself vouchsafing to be mine. Mine only joy!

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Psalm 148

Amy Sell

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens!

**People: Praise God from the skies!**

**Praise God, all angels! Praise God, all the armies of heaven!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon! Praise the Lord, all you twinkling stars!

**People: Praise God, skies above! Praise God, vapors high above the clouds!**

Leader: Let every created thing give praise to the Lord,

**People: who issued the command and they came into being;  
who set them in place forever and ever, and whose decree will never be revoked.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you creatures of the ocean depths,

**People: fire and hail, snow and clouds, wind and weather that obey the Creator,**

Leader: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**People: wild animals and all livestock, small scurrying animals and birds,**

Leader: kings of the earth and all people, rulers and judges of the earth,

**People: young men and young women, old men and children.**

Leader: Let them all praise the name of the Lord.

**People: For God' name is very great, whose glory towers over the earth and heaven!**

Leader: The Lord has made us strong and honors all who are faithful,  
the people of Israel who are close to God.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #217

*Away in a Manger*

v. 1-2

***Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.***

***The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.***

***The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;***

***I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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 #217

*Away in a Manger*

v. 3

***Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY HYMN #250

*Once in Royal David's City*

***Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;  
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.***

***He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.***

***Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.***

***And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.***

\*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!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and

friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*No Ordinary Child*

Diane Gattone

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #251

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

***Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.***

***While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)***

***The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)***

***Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J.S. Bach BWV 729

Coming up at North:

4-Week Study on Theology and Violence, Tuesdays Jan 11- Feb 1, 6:30-8pm

To sign-up email [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)

This week's worship leaders:

Diane Gattone, Pastor of Care & Nurture

Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Amy Sell, Minister of Discipleship & Formation

Elizabeth Bowman, Liturgist

John Hague and Allen McCormack, Audio Visual

Kathleen Custer, Guest Organist

Mark Gilgallon, Music Director

Child Care is available for ages 6 weeks to 5 years old in room 102.

Children (K-6) Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Youth (7-12) Sunday School in Youth Room

Children's Church during 11am service in the Fellowship Hall for all kids grade K-6.