



January 16, 2022 - Livestream
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

arr. A. Hailstork

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Servants of Christ: the world is waiting to see God's faithful love.

People: We will risk our lives and bear the cross!

Leader: Servants of Christ: the world is waiting to hear God's joyful song.

People: We will join the chorus and share the work!

*OPENING HYMN #568

Christ for the World We Sing

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jessica White

**Lord Jesus,
enlighten us with your wisdom,
encourage us with your words,
and empower us to do your will
so that we are ready
to go into the world
with your words of mercy on our lips,
your work of justice in our hands,
and your way of peace to guide our feet. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch.

²Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory.

You will be called by a new name, which the Lord's own mouth will determine.

³You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand.

⁴You will no longer be called "Abandoned," and your land will no longer be called "Deserted." Instead, you will be called "My Delight Is in Her," and your land, "Married."

Because the Lord delights in you, your land will be cared for once again.

⁵As a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you.

With the joy of a bridegroom because of his bride, so your God will rejoice because of you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

Arr. S. R. Love

Angela Brown, soprano soloist

We shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday.

We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid; we are not afraid today!

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

God will see us through; God will see us through someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2225

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

v.1-3

Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle, round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together, round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us—color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings—all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE 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 #2225

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

v.4

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY SOLO

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. M. Bonds

Angela Brown, soprano

He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the wood and the waters in His hand,
 He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.
 He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He's got the beasts of the field right in His hand,
 He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got you and me right in His hand,
 He's got everybody in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

*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

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spirituality, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unique Gifts for the Common Good

Darren Cushman Wood

*LITANY OF VISION AND DEDICATION

words by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leader: "When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. Love is the most durable power in the world. This creative force, so beautifully exemplified in the life of our Christ, is the most potent instrument available in mankind's quest for peace and security. Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that. Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it."

People: We will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: "I am convinced that if we succumb to the temptation to use violence in our struggle for freedom, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and our chief legacy to them will be a never-ending reign of chaos."

People: We will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: "We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the

solid rock of human dignity.”

People: Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: “I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up.”

People: Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: “I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.”

People: Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: “There is little hope for us until we become tough-minded enough to break loose from the shackles of prejudice, half-truths, and downright ignorance. We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”

People: O God, let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We will fulfill what you require of us: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2243

We All Are One in Mission

*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Great Day

arr. A. Hailstork

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor
Brandon Wallace, Minister of Youth & Young Adults
Jessica White, Liturgist
John Hague, James Horton
& Allen McCormack, Audio Visual
Heather Hinton, Organist

Coming up at North:

4-Week Study on Theology and Violence, Tuesdays
Jan 18- Feb 8, 6:30-8pm
To sign-up email asell@northchurchindy.com

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.