



January 9, 2022 - Livestream Baptism of the Lord Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

arr. J. Ferguson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Beloved Jesus meets us here.

People: Come Holy Spirit and immerse us in the waters of forgiveness.

Leader: The Powerful Christ lifts us up.

People: Come Holy Spirit and baptize us in the flames of holy love.

*OPENING HYMN #539

O Spirit of the Living God

***O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.***

***Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.***

***Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.***

***Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.***

***So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Patty Hefner

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 29

Sunil Kotian

Leader: You, divine beings! Give to the Lord—

People: give to the Lord glory and power!

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due God's name!

People: Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

Leader: The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders;

People: the Lord is over the mighty waters.

Leader: The Lord's voice is strong;

People: the Lord's voice is majestic.

Leader: The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees.

People: Yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: God makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull,
makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

People: God's voice unleashes fiery flames;

Leader: the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness.

People: Yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare,
but in the temple everyone shouts,

People: "Glory!"

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters;

People: the Lord sits enthroned as our everlasting sovereign!

Leader: Let the Lord give strength to his people!

People: Let God bless her people with peace!

HYMN OF PRAYER #605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

v.1-2

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

***God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

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 OF PRAYER #605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

v.3

***O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God transform!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Diane Gattone

OFFERTORY SOLO

Christ, Our Lord, To Jordan Came

arr. J.W. Greene
Amy Cuomo, soprano

Christ, our Lord, to Jordan came, there to follow God's command, Living Word, baptized by John, our great treasure and God's Son. There with Christ are we all washed, cleansed from evil evermore, just as with him on the cross death dies as new life is born.

Then the dove came down from heaven, Spirit of the living God floating down upon his Son, a new baptism from on high. On that day grace came anew so that we could fully know that God with us still shall dwell bringing us the words of life. Thus disciples are we all, living out Christ's mystic vision. Our baptism like his own pouring God into our souls.

*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

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

SERMON

Immersed

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #606

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

***Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.***

***The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.***

***Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high and keep us to that day!***

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith#369

Blessed Assurance

You are invited to come and kneel at the altar in prayer.

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)***

Thanksgiving

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*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

arr. B. Harbach

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor
Diane Gattone, Pastor of Care & Nurture
Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Patty Hefner, Liturgist
John Hague, Eric Russell &
Carol Tiller-Lutchman, Audio Visual
Heather Hinton, Organist

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

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