



May 1, 2022 - Livestream  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Project Transformation

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Executive Director

PRELUDE

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

arr. D. Cherwien

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rich and poor, young and old raise your voices:

**People: Blessing, honor and glory belong to the risen Christ!**

Leader: In cathedrals and chapels, from seashores and mountain tops the world proclaims:

**People: Blessing, honor and glory belong to the risen Christ!**

\*OPENING HYMN #303

*The Day of Resurrection*

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.***

***Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. <sup>12</sup> And they sang in a mighty chorus:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup> And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*O Lamb of God Most Holy*

arr. S. Gay  
Chancel Quartet

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,  
so patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer;  
our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Your peace be with us, Jesus.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Sucker Punch*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN #2086

*Open Our Eyes*

***Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Amy Sell

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God,  
who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives.  
Let us confess our sin.

**People: Sovereign God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin,  
wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

Leader: Rise up from the dust!

Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

A. Clarke  
Cathedral Singers

Lamb of God you take away, you take away the sins of the world.

Lamb of God have mercy on us, have mercy, mercy on us.

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.

Lamb of God you take away, you take away the sins of the world.

Lamb of God have mercy on us, have mercy on us, Lamb of God grant us peace.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

*Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup....

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

\*BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

*As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, [nricketts@northchurchindy.com](mailto:nricketts@northchurchindy.com)*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#2265

*Time Now to Gather*

***Time now to gather, time now to feel  
Christ's holy presence gracing this meal.  
Grain from the harvest, fruit of the vine;  
simple the supper, sacred the sign.***

***Time to remember Christ who was sent.  
Time to say, 'Thank you' for all he meant.  
Come to this table. Come, without fear.  
God will forgive you, welcome you here.***

***All who are hungry, come, and be fed.  
Serve one another this cup and bread.  
All who are troubled, hurting, or sad,  
come, and find healing. Come, and be glad!***

#2255

*In the Singing*

***In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table—***

***[Refrain] Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.***

***In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people— [Refrain]***

PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #173

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

***Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.***

***Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.***

***Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*The Day of Resurrection*

arr. K. Hildebrand

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Dotti Gerner's birthday on April 25th and with many thanks for those who have corresponded with her; it means so much to her.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor  
Amy Sell, Minister of Discipleship & Formation  
Brandon Wallace, Minister of Youth & Young Adults  
John Hague, Jack Haefling & James Horton,  
Audio Visual  
Heather Hinton, Organist  
Mark Gilgallon, Director of Music

Adult Sunday School Classes  
Sojourners Sunday School, Room 005  
Power & Light Sunday School, Room 205

Sunday School Classes  
K-6 Grade Sunday school, Fellowship Hall  
7-12 Grade Sunday school, Youth Room

Child Care Available in room 102  
from 9:40am to 12pm  
Alternative Worship in Fellowship Hall  
during 11am service

Family Game Night  
May 13, 5-8pm  
To sign up call 317-924-2612 or  
email [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)  
with the number of adults and children

Sunday Evening Offerings 4-6pm  
Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) every Sunday, Youth Room  
ELEVATION (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) every other Sunday, Room 203

Upcoming Events

- Mondays, April 18 - May 23: Small Group Study of Devotional Classics, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Tuesdays Starting April 19: Tuesday Nights Together, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 13: Family Game Night, 5-8 p.m.
- Sunday, May 22: Premier of two original anthems for the North Church Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues in honor of Rev. Richard and Anna Lee Hamilton.
- Sunday, May 22: North Green Team Plant Exchange, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Sunday, June 5: End-of-the-Year Family Picnic, 12-3 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11: Indy Pride Festival.
- Sunday, June 12: North Green Team Book Exchange, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.