



May 22, 2022 - Livestream

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Rêverie

C. Debussy

Kathy Schilling, violin; Kurt Fowler, cello;
Heather Hinton, piano

INVOCATIONAL ANTHEM

Sing for the Earth

G. Gilpin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The times of refreshing have begun.

People: Alleluia to the Holy and Righteous One!

Leader: May the time of universal restoration come.

People: Alleluia to the Author of Life!

*OPENING HYMN #318

Christ Is Alive

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.***

***Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.***

***Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.***

***In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.***

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (11am)

Hymnal pg. 39

Ainsley Ann & Eliza Grafton Balko
Daughters of Steve & Grafton Balko
Sisters of Archie Balko

#2249

God Claims You

refrain (2x)

Blessed children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jessica White

**Great Creating Spirit,
open our ears to hear the wonders of the universe,
open our eyes to see the beauty of the earth,
open our hearts to receive the wisdom of your Word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who holds all things together in heaven and earth. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-13

⁶ Seek the Lord while God may be found,
call upon the Lord who is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that God may have mercy on them,
and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter
Text is Hymn #92

Leader: O Lord, our Lord,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouths of babes and infants:

**People: you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: the moon and the stars which you have established;

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: and mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them little less than God,

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen,

People: and also the beasts of the field,

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

People: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAYER #97

For the Fruits of This Creation

v.1

***For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #97

For the Fruits of This Creation

v. 3

***For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go Out in Joy!

M. Bussewitz-Quarm

Kathy Schilling, violin; Kurt Fowler, cello;

Nick Brightman, clarinet; John Hague, suspended cymbal

*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

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Creaturely Canticles

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #150

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,

flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,

we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.

Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;

yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,

where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,

lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;

known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;

probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,

facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,

children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.

May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.

Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sing for the Earth

G. Gilpin

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive

arr. M. Bedford

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in memory of my mother, Martha Laudeman Benedict, by Katherine Benedict.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Jessica White, *Liturgist*
John Hague, Jack Haefling & Allen McCormack,
Audio Visual
Heather Hinton, *Organist*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 5:
End-of-the-Year Family Picnic, 12-3pm
- Saturday, June 11:
Indy Pride Festival.
- Sunday, June 12:
North Green Team Book Exchange, 9am-1pm
- Tuesday Nights Together, 6-7:30pm

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

Sunday School Classes
K-6 Grade Sunday school, Room 104
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

Sunday Evening Offerings 4-6pm
Youth Group (7th-12th) every Sunday, Youth Room

Sign-ups

Indy Pride Festival, June 11
To sign up as a Parade Participant or Festival Booth Volunteer, email asell@northchurchindy.com

End of the Year Family Picnic, June 5, 12-3pm
Email asell@northchurchindy.com with the number of people attending.

THE RICHARD E. AND ANNA LEE HAMILTON SERIES ON THEOLOGY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

The Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues was established in 2018 with a gift from the William E. Schmidt Foundation. It honors the lives and ministries of Dick and Anna Lee Hamilton at North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dick served as the Senior Pastor at North from 1974 - 1997 and was known for his work in the city and state on issues of social justice and Christian action. Anna Lee was a talented partner in ministry, adding her singing, teaching and leadership skills to the church and wider community.

The Hamilton Series brings speakers, seminars and special musical events to North on various issues. The theme for 2022 is "Creation Care and Stewardship for the Earth." For the May 22 event, the Series has commissioned two anthems being premiered in the worship services today. On October 8-9 two additional anthems will be presented, along with a special guest speaker and various workshops.

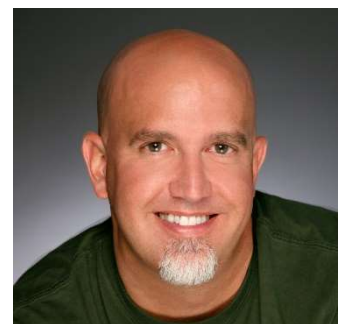
Additional support for the Hamilton Series is provided by Nick and Susan Blankenbaker Noyes and the Blankenbaker family, as well as gifts from individuals in memory of Dick and Anna Lee. North UMC and the Hamilton family are very grateful for these generous gifts.



The award-winning music of Michael Bussewitz-Quarm engages singers and audiences through the soulful exploration of social and environmental themes around the world. Michael is passionate about effecting change through choral music, addressing topics ranging from art in post-civil war Raleigh-Durham, to gun violence, to the global refugee crisis. A centerpiece of each commissioning consortium is the opportunity to work with Bussewitz-Quarm virtually and through pre-recorded panel discussions with artists, authors, and thought leaders in the area of focus.

Additionally she offers an extensive catalog of existing work through self-publication (www.listenafresh.com) and Peermusic Classical. Bussewitz-Quarm won The American Prize in Composition (major works) in 2021 and will make her Carnegie Hall debut in 2023 featuring her work, *Where We Find Ourselves*.

Greg Gilpin is a well-known ASCAP award-winning choral composer and arranger and a highly respected choral conductor throughout the United States and internationally, including the respected and historic venues of Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City; Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia; Ryman Auditorium in Nashville; Royal Festival Hall in London and Harpa Concert Hall in Reykjavik, Iceland. In addition he works as a producer and musician in the recording industry and is Director of Educational Choral Publications for Shawnee Press, a distinguished choral publisher.



In 2020 Gilpin's pandemic pivot took him on an additional career path by becoming certified as a financial coach as well as a certified Boss Organizer, creating his own professional organizing business, Maestro Organizing. This work has led him to be seen on FOX and NBC affiliates as well as his association with Dorothy Breininger, well-known for her work as producer and organizer on the hit TV show Hoarders. He can currently be seen working on several episodes of this TV show. In 2021 Gilpin wrote the score for the award-winning short film Rosie's Rescue and also won an award for Best Score for this same work. He also teamed up with well-known opera singer Angela Brown and created the world premiere of a thrilling new arrangement of *What Child is This?*, debuted by Brown and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.



With the 2022 theme Creation Care and Stewardship for the Earth, the Cathedral Singers will perform two new choral anthems: *Go Out in Joy!* by Michael Bussewitz-Quarm of Long Island and *Sing for the Earth* by Greg Gilpin of Indianapolis.

Go Out in Joy!

M. Bussewitz-Quarm

Joy! Go out in joy! You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you. Go out in joy!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
instead of the briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign that will endure forever and ever!

Sing for the Earth

G. Gilpin

*The Lord has birthed a brand new day, lift your eyes and give God praise,
sing with all your voices for the earth!*
*Hills and mountains burst with song, trees shall wave and clap along,
sing with all your voices for the earth!*
Moon and stars, the heavens you have made them.
Wind and air, so precious and so pure. Rain that falls to nourish all that's given us.
Renew our hearts to guard our treasured home! *Refrain*
Let love and wisdom guide our actions. Inspire us to walk in steps of life.
Help us consider the future of our children. The world is a reflection of ourselves!
Refrain

Next in the Hamilton Series

October 8-9 with keynote speaker Timothy Eberhart of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary



Timothy Eberhart is the Robert and Marilyn Degler McClean Associate Professor of Ecological Theology and Practice and Director of the Center for Ecological Regeneration. He received his B.A. from St. Olaf College and his M.Div., Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

"I believe that amidst the innumerable manifestations of sin and evil in our world that lead to death, the triune God is actively working to free and empower the whole of creation to share in the ways of life that serve the common good of all. My vocation as a theologian ordained in The United Methodist Church is based in the commitment to guide others—as I seek myself—to better understand and more faithfully participate in this divine work of justice, reconciliation, and healing in relation to the many ecological, socio-political, and economic perils facing us today." – Timothy Eberhart