



May 29, 2022 - Livestream

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. W. Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "See, the home of God is among mortals.
The Lord will dwell with them as their God;
they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them;

**People: The Lord will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."**

Leader: And the one who was seated on the throne said,

People: "See, I am making all things new."

*OPENING HYMN #312

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

***Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!***

***There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!***

***See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!***

***See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Austin Spence

**Lord, as we listen to your holy Word,
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit,
call us out of darkness,
and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

¹The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. ²When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. ³They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

⁴Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners.

It came all the way down to me. ⁶As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. ⁷I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ ⁸I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. ¹¹At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. ¹³He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. ¹⁴He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ ¹⁵When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. ¹⁶I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake

R. Farrant
Chancel Quartet

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #861

Psalm 148

with musical response
Darren Cushman Wood

Musical response: *Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord, in the heights!

**People: Praise the Lord, all his angels;
praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens! [Response]**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created.

**People: who established them for ever and ever;
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,

**People: fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God’s command! [Response]**

Leader: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted;
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord! [Response]**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2181

We Need a Faith

v.1-2

***We need a faith so colorblind, so free from timeworn lies,
that when we look from face to face we see the eyes of God.***

***We need an ethic of respect, an honest pledge of trust,
that when we share the deepest things we feel the warmth of God.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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 #2181

We Need a Faith

v.3-4

***We need to act as well as speak, to see each other's sweat,
that as we labor side by side we do the work of God.***

***Come, Christians, look for character and not for shade of skin,
that as we rend the walls of race we live the peace of God.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Austin Spence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God of the Sparrow

C. Courtney
Chancel Quartet/Cathedral Singers
Kelley Warbinton, flute

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliverance, songs of peace.
Helpless we seek You, God our joy, quies our troubles, bid them cease. Alleluia.
God of the sparrow, God of hope, tenderly guide us, be our song.
God of affliction, pain and hurt, comfort Your children, make us strong. Alleluia.
God of the sparrow, care for us, speak in our sorrow, Lord of grief.

Sing us Your music, lift our hearts, pour out Your mercy, send relief.
God, like the sparrow, we abide in Your protection, love and grace.
Just as the sparrow in Your care, may Your love keep us all our days. Amen.

*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 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The New Commandment

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2223

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

***Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: [Refrain]***

***We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: [Refrain]***

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Thine Be the Glory

arr. A. Miller

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in honor of Linda Casey who is retiring after more than 40 years in Education, including as a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, and other roles with Indianapolis Public Schools, by John S. Hague.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Austin Spence, *Pastoral Intern*
John Hague, James Horton & Eric Russell,
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

Adult Sunday School Classes
Sojourners Sunday School, Room 005

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.

Youth King's Island on Monday, June 27

The cost is \$45 that covers ticket, unlimited drinks, a meal, and the transportation.

Below is the QR code to sign up through May 31.

