

July 31, 2022 – Livestream Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Darren Cushman Wood

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACKPACK BLESSING, AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Prelude La Grace G.P. Telemann

Marji Hanna, cello; Wendy Muston, harp

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To every tired body, Christ gives strength.

People: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

Leader: To every weary soul, Christ gives hope.

People: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

Leader: To every hungry heart, Christ gives joy.

People: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

*OPENING HYMN #170

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Christine Rembert

Living God,
you alone satisfy the desires of our hearts.
As the scriptures are read,
fill us with your truth
and lead us with your wisdom
that we may go from strength to strength
in the way of Jesus. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:19-25

¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

- ²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
- ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in God.'
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

DUET

More Than Wonderful

L. Wolfe

Regina Walker, soprano; Chad Barton, tenor

He promised us that He would be a counselor, a Mighty God and the Prince of Peace.

He promised us that He would be a Father, and that He would love us with a love that would not cease.

Well, I tried Him and I found His promises are true, He's everything He said that He would be. The finest words I know could not begin to tell just what Jesus really means to me.

For He's more wonderful than my mind can conceive, He's more wonderful than my heart can believe. He goes beyond my highest hopes and fondest dreams, He's everything that my soul ever longed for. Everything He's promised and so much more, more than amazing, more than marvelous, more than miraculous could ever be. He's more than wonderful, that's what Jesus is to me.

I stand amazed when I think that the King of glory should come to dwell within the heart of man. I marvel just to know He really loves me, when I think of who He is, and who I am. *Refrain*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #762

Psalm 30

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up,

and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

and you healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

People: restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones,

and give thanks to his holy name.

People: Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment;

the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'

Leader: By your favor, O Lord,

you had established me as a strong mountain;

People: you hid your face; I was dismayed.

Leader: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: **People: 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?**

Leader: Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!'

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have lossed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

People: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

HYMN OF PRAYER #500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

v. 1-3

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Austin Spence

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 #500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

v. 4-5

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sunil Kotian

Offertory Anthem Canto del Cisne Negro H. Villa-Lobos

Marji Hanna, cello; Wendy Muston, harp

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

Luke 8:43-48

⁴³ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Touching the Hem Diane Gattone

*Hymn of Dedication #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: [Refrain]

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: [Refrain]

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH FOR PASTOR DIANE

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING Diane Gattone

POSTLUDE God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us arr. R. Hobby

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Joan Lafuze's 85th birthday on July 31st, as well as in memory of Ralph Lafuze who would have turned 90 on the same day.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Diane Gattone

Pastor of Care & Nurture

Sunil Kotian

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

Austin Spence

Pastoral Intern

Christine Rembert

Liturgist

John Hague, James Horton and Eric Russell

Audio Visual

Heather Hinton

Organist

Adult Sunday School Classes Sojourners Sunday School, Room 005

Sunday School Classes K-5 Grade Sunday school, Room 104 6-12 Grade Sunday school, Youth Room

Child Care Available in Room 102 from 9:40am to 12pm

Alternative Worship (non Communion Sundays) in Room 104 during 11am service

Family Splash Pad Picnic August 14, 2-5pm

Please email <u>asell@northchurchindy.com</u> with the number of adults and children attending.