



July 24, 2022 – Livestream  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Meditation on a Folk Song*

arr. J.M. Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God that heaven cannot contain

**People: greets us in the womb of Mary.**

Leader: The God that we cannot control

**People: meets us in the covenant of Christ.**

Leader: O Lord our God, meet us here;

**People: listen to our prayers and receive our praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!***

***O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!***

***All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning***

***bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.***

***God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;***

***surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.***

***Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,***

***fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.***

***Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!***

***All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!***

***Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Tiller-Luchtman

**Everlasting God,**

**whose tenacious love holds us:**

**make our hearts the house of your truth,**

**and make our minds the realm of your wisdom,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

J. Stainer

Chancel Quartet/Summer Choir

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #853

## Psalm 138

Sunil Kotian

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

Leader: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**People: On the day I called, you answered me,  
you strengthened my life.**

Leader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

**People: for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**People: for great is the glory of the Lord.**

Leader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;

**People: yet knows the haughty from afar.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

**People: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies  
and your right hand delivers me.**

Leader: O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;

**People: O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever.**

**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #496

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

v. 1-2

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.***

***In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!***

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Austin Spence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

from A New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

HYMN #496

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

v. 3

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Austin Spence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Andante, Concerto, K191*

Mozart

Nick Brightman, Bass Clarinet

\*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

Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your reign come soon.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day the food we need,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And keep us from being tested.

<sup>5</sup> Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, <sup>6</sup> ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ <sup>7</sup> And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ <sup>8</sup> But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

<sup>9</sup> “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! <sup>13</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Obnoxious Prayers*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #453

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

***More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!***

***Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!***

***Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;  
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!***

***Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Rondo, Concerto, K191*

Mozart  
Nick Brightman

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Sunil Kotian

*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Austin Spence

*Pastoral Intern*

Carol Tiller-Luchtman

*Liturgist*

John Hague, Jack Haefling and Allen McCormack

*Audio Visual*

Kathleen Custer

*Guest Organist*

Mark Gilgallon

*Director of Music*

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 (non Communion Sundays)

in Room 104 during 11am service