



August 28, 2022 – Livestream
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Prelude for Right Hand

composed and performed by
Becky Archibald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praise to God whose power and love sustain us.

People: To God all praise and glory!

Leader: Sing praise to God our Mother who gently leads us.

People: To God all praise and glory!

Leader: Let all people sing praise and glory to the God of our salvation!

*OPENING HYMN #126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.***

***With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.***

***The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.***

***As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.***

***Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.***

***Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,

Lover of humanity,

Joy of creation:

Pour out your Spirit on us

**that we may hear your ancient words in a new key.
Inspire us to sing your praise
in every land and with every generation,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-9

⁴ Listen to the Lord's word, people of Judah,
all you families of the Israelite household.

⁵ This is what the Lord says:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that made them wander so far?
They pursued what was worthless and became worthless.

⁶ They didn't ask,

"Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us through the wilderness, in a land of deserts and ravines,
in a land of drought and darkness, in a land of no return, where no one survives?"

⁷ I brought you into a land of plenty, to enjoy its gifts and goodness,
but you ruined my land; you disgraced my heritage.

⁸ The priests didn't ask, "Where is the Lord?"

Those responsible for the Instruction didn't know me;
the leaders rebelled against me;
the prophets spoke in the name of Baal,
going after what has no value.

⁹ That is why I will take you to court and charge even your descendants,
declares the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Lord, You Know My Heart
from Psalm 139

S. Ford

Chancel Quartet/Summer Choir

O Lord, You know my heart. You have searched my soul and know each thought that I conceive.
O Lord, You know my words before I speak, Your spirit forms each blessing I receive.
O Lord, You know my heart. You have heard my every doubt, my every fear.
O Lord, You trace the pathways of my life, I feel Your hand and know that You are near.
If I should ride the morning wind unto a distant sea, or pass into the shadow of despair.
If I ascend to heaven, or plunge into the night, Your everlasting presence will be there.
O Lord, You know my heart. For all my days were planned before I came to be.
O Lord, enfold my life with Your care, and lead my steps into eternity. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Leader: Sing praises to God, our strength.

People: Sing to the God of Jacob.

Leader: For it was I, the Lord your God,
who rescued you from the land of Egypt.

People: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with good things.

"But no, my people wouldn't listen.

Israel did not want me around.

Leader: So I let them follow their own stubborn desires,
living according to their own ideas.

People: Oh, that my people would listen to me!

Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths!

Leader: How quickly I would then subdue their enemies!
How soon my hands would be upon their foes!

**People: Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him;
they would be doomed forever.**

Leader: But I would feed you with the finest wheat.

People: I would satisfy you with wild honey from the rock."

HYMN OF PRAYER #432

Jesu, Jesu

v. 1-3

**Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu,*
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
*the neighbors we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,*
*Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)***

***Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,*
*neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)***

***These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;*
*all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)***

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 #432

Jesu, Jesu

v. 4-5

**Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu,*
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
*the neighbors we have from you.***

***Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,*
*this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)***

***Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,*
*this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nuance

composed and performed by
Becky Archibald

*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!***

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹³ Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christian-ity

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #557

Blest be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

arr. M. Wolniakowski

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in honor of Donald Eugene Smith-Brown's ("Mr. Don's") birthday.*

Red Carnations on the altar in celebration of the following births:

Elowyn Mae Weir who was born Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Parents: Meredith (Warbinton) and Tyler Weir

Grandparents: Jeff and Kelley Warbinton

Wylde Joy West who was born on Saturday, August 13, 2022

Parents: Madison and Patrick West

Grandparents: Jean Childers-Arnold and Rich Arnold

Great-Grandparent: Vic Childers

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Liturgist

John Hague and Jack Haefling

Audio Visual

Heather Hinton

Organist

Mark Gilgallon

Director of Music

Sign ups

Band Gathering

To sign up, email asell@northchurchindy.com

Worship Without Walls chair setup on Sept 10
at 10am. To sign up, email

events@northchurchindy.com

To sign up for the cookout after worship on Sept.
11, please email events@northchurchindy.com

Save the Date

"Worship Without Walls,"

a service held outdoors under a tent in our parking
lot, is set for 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. (The 8:30
a.m. service will be held in the sanctuary as usual.)

After the 11 a.m. service we'll have a cookout; food
and drinks will be provided.

We'll play cornhole, and Pastor Sunil will lead a
cricket exhibition. Invite your friends!

Child Care Available in Room 102

from 8:15am to 12:15pm

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

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

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