



August 7, 2022 – Livestream  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

PRELUDE

*Now We Join in Celebration*

arr. D. Cherwien

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you searchers and strivers;  
God is faithful to meet us here.

**People: We long for the renewal of our faith.**

Leader: Come, you dreamers and doubters;  
God is faithful to meet us here.

**People: We pray for the restoration of our hope.**

Leader: Come, you who are lost and lonely;  
God is faithful to meet us here.

**People: We gather for the revival of our love.**

Leader: The God who names and claims us is faithful to meet us here.

\*OPENING HYMN #529

*How Firm a Foundation*

***How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

***"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***

***"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.***

***"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.***

***"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. <sup>3</sup>You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your

own who will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!”

<sup>6</sup> And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Panis Angelicus*

arr. P. Liebergen

Chancel Quartet/Summer Choir

*Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum, dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.*

Bread of angels becomes bread of man, the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.

*O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, pauper, servus et humilis.*

O marvelous sacrament we take the Lord: the poor, the slave and the humble.

O Lord, I give You praise, Almighty God above, Your glory shines on me, You come to me in love.

Great is Your name adored on high forevermore, holy are You, O Lord.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*By Faith*

Amy Sell

HYMN #419

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

***I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.***

***Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

***Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. [Refrain]***

***O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain]***

***There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. [Refrain]***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Austin Spence

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus invites to his table all who seek his new and everlasting life.  
Therefore, let us renounce evil and confess our sins to God:  
Tender One, Mighty One, Faithful One:

**People: forgive us for  
the evil we have tolerated  
and the evil we have cultivated  
as a people.**

Leader: Merciful One, Strong One, Eternal One:

**People: forgive me for  
the sins I have done and  
the good I have left undone.**

Leader: Hear the good news:  
Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last.  
From beginning to end, his love forgives us and sets us free.

**People: Glory to God. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Lamb of God*

D. McIntyre  
Chancel Quartet

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on me.  
O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on me,  
and grant me Your peace.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sunil Kotian

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup....  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

\*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

*As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, [nricketts@northchurchindy.com](mailto:nricketts@northchurchindy.com)*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
***My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!***

***May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!***

***While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn today, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.***

***When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!***

#2261 *Life-giving Bread*  
***Life-giving bread, as our hearts are transformed anew,  
and life-giving wine, may we share in a life with you.***

2 times

PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #419

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

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let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
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Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH FOR AUSTIN SPENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Amy Sell

POSTLUDE

*O Praise the Gracious Power*

arr. W. Wold

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in celebration of the 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Donna Sandage and John Drake on August 9th.*

This week's worship leaders:

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*  
Austin Spence, *Pastoral Intern*  
John Hague, James Horton  
and Jack Haefling, *Audio Visual*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Family Splash Pad Picnic

August 14, 2-5pm

Please email [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com) with the  
number of adults and children attending.

Youth Canoe Trip

August 20

To sign up, email [bwallace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwallace@northchurchindy.com)

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