

September 18, 2022 – Livestream We Are Called Worship Series

GATHERING

Brandon Wallace GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE Come, Thou Almighty King arr. A. Travis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and shine the light of hope on us. People: Come, Holy Spirit, and shine the light of love in us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and shine the light of peace through us

People: that the world may see, Leader: that all people may know

People: the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*OPENING HYMN #435

O God of Every Nation

O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Mark Grove ¹ While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the Lord gave him this second message: ² "This is what the Lord says—the Lord who made the earth, who formed and established it, whose name is the Lord: ³ Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come. ⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: You have torn down the houses of this city and even the king's palace to get materials to strengthen the walls against the siege ramps and swords of the enemy. ⁵ You expect to fight the Babylonians, but the men of this city are already as good as dead, for I have determined to destroy them in my terrible anger. I have abandoned them because of all their wickedness.

⁶ "Nevertheless, the time will come when I will heal Jerusalem's wounds and give it prosperity and true peace. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel and rebuild their towns. ⁸ I will cleanse them of their sins against me and forgive all their sins of rebellion. ⁹ Then this city will bring me joy, glory, and honor before all the nations of the earth! The people of the world will see all the good I do for my people, and they will tremble with awe at the peace and prosperity I provide for them.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Étude, Op. 2; No. 1

A. Scriabin Virginia Melin, piano

*Canticle of Praise Isaiah 2:2-4 Brandon Wallace

Leader: In the days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains.

People: It will be lifted above the hills;

peoples will stream to it.

Leader: Many nations will go and say,

"Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,

to the house of Jacob's God

People: so that we may be taught the ways of the Lord

and we may walk in God's paths."

Leader: Instruction will come from Zion;

the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

People: God will judge between the nations,

and settle disputes of mighty nations.

Leader: Then they will beat their swords into ploughshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

People: Nation will not take up sword against nation;

they shall learn war no more.

HYMN OF PRAYER #426 Behold a Broken World v. 1-4

Behold a broken world, we pray, where want and war increase, and grant us, Lord, in this our day, the ancient dream of peace:

A dream of swords to sickles bent, of spears to scythe and spade, the weapons of our warfare spent, a world of peace remade;

Where every battle flag is furled and every trumpet stilled, where wars shall cease in all the world, a waking dream fulfilled.

No force of arms shall there prevail nor justice cease its sway; nor shall their loftiest visions fail the dreamers of the day.

A Prayer for Peace Dustin Fregiato

Leader: As ambassadors of God's great peace

let us pray for an end to war and the beginning of reconciliation of all peoples:

People: Gracious and Holy God,

lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #426 Behold a Broken World v. 5-6

O Prince of Peace, who died to save, a lost world to redeem, and rose in triumph from the grave, behold our waking dream.

Bring, Lord, your better world to birth, your kingdom, love's domain, where peace with God, and peace on earth, and peace eternal reign.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like a River

T. Osiek

Chancel Quartet/Cathedral Singers

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.

*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 12:14-17

¹⁴ Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. ¹⁶See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We are Called to be Ambassadors of Peace

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE Carillon H. Murrill

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by David and Michael Came in celebration of their sixth wedding anniversary, and in honor of the love and support of North Church.



^{*}THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor
Brandon Wallace

Minister of Youth & Young Adults
Mark Grove
Liturgist
John Hague and Jack Haefling
Audio Visual
Heather Hinton
Organist
Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music

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: Room 005 Power and Light: Room 205

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
Pre-K: Room 102

K-2 Grades: Room 104 3-5 Grades: Room 203 6-8 Grades: Room 207 9-12 Grades: Youth Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book Study: "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul" by John Philip Newell. Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm September 14-October 5. RSVP to skotian@northchurchindy.com
- Food servers and tutors needed at MLK Center for their after-school program as they support School 43. Contact Robin Reagan for more details. robinreagan3@gmail.com
- Beginning Today:
 - Confirmation class begins for middle school students during Sunday school hour
 - Sunday Night youth group also starts back from 4-6pm
 - Caristers Children's Choir room 004
 Kindergarten (or age 5) through 6th grade,
 Immediately following 11am service
 - Cathedral Ringers Handbell Ensemble room 007
 Immediately following 11am service
- ELEVATION (grades 3-5) begins 9/23 from 4-6pm
- Creation Care Conference and Sunday with guest lecturer and preacher Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Oct. 8-9
- Jeremiah and Lamentations Bible Study led by Pastor Darren, Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, starting Oct. 26