



September 4, 2022 – Livestream  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

PRELUDE

*Intrada*  
from *There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus*

J. Spong

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call on the name of the Gracious God.

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation. Alleluia!**

Leader: Call on the name of the Loving Lord.

**People: We will offer the sacrifice of gratitude. Alleluia!**

Leader: Call on the name of the Saving Spirit.

**People: We will fulfill the vow of faith. Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN #617

*I Come with Joy*

v. 1-4

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Regina Walker

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. O for a thousand tongues to sing!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye mute, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame for joy. O for a thousand tongues to sing!

## SECOND LESSON

Philemon 4-16

Darren Cushman Wood

<sup>4</sup> Philemon, I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers <sup>5</sup> because I've heard of your love and faithfulness, which you have both for the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership in the faith might become effective by an understanding of all that is good among us in Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have great joy and encouragement because of your love, since the hearts of God's people are refreshed by your actions, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> I would rather appeal to you through love. I, Paul—an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup> appeal to you for my child Onesimus. I became his father in the faith during my time in prison. <sup>11</sup> He was useless to you before, but now he is useful to both of us. <sup>12</sup> I'm sending him back to you, which is like sending you my own heart. <sup>13</sup> I considered keeping him with me so that he might serve me in your place during my time in prison because of the gospel. <sup>14</sup> However, I didn't want to do anything without your consent so that your act of kindness would occur willingly and not under pressure. <sup>15</sup> Maybe this is the reason that Onesimus was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave—that is, as a dearly loved brother. He is especially a dearly loved brother to me. How much more can he become a brother to you, personally and spiritually in the Lord!

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Living Sacrament*

Darren Cushman Wood

## HYMN #632

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.***

***As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.***

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.***

## PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Amy Sell

## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare for the Gospel feast

by confessing the sins we have committed against God and neighbor:

**People: Fierce and Tender God,  
whose work is justice and whose delight is mercy:  
forgive us for ignoring the cries of the workers  
who labor under the tyranny of harassment and poverty.  
Free us from the system of greed  
that comforts our bodies and caresses our souls.  
Free us for a life of joyful resistance  
to evil, injustice and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves;  
through Jesus Christ our only Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the Good News:

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ  
we have been forgiven and freed from sin.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. D. Kocijan

Cheri Brightman, soprano saxophone

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: The Lord is with us

**People: and God's Spirit is here.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Great Creator....

All glory and honor is yours, O Sovereign God, who liberates us with your faithful love.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Leader: We thank you for Jesus Christ....

On that night he took bread, blessed it and broke it,

**People: just as his life was broken for us,**

Leader: and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine, gave thanks to you and poured it out,

**People: just as he poured out his life for us,**

Leader: and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood....

we enter into the mystery of your grace and celebrate the gift of your Son:

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts....

Through Christ and in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory is yours, Great God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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 ANTHEM

*I Am the Bread of Life*

J. Wilbye  
Chancel Quartet

*Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life; and those who come will not hunger, and all those who believe in me, will never thirst." Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN #618

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

***Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)***

***Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)***

***Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)***

PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #617

*I Come with Joy*

v. 5

***Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Finale*

J. Spong

from *There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus*

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in recognition of Rev. Schilling playing the organ at the wedding of Don and Gail Nelson  
on September 6, 1970 at North United Methodist Church.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood  
*Senior Pastor*  
Sunil Kotian  
*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Amy Sell  
*Minister of Discipleship & Formation*  
Regina Walker  
*Liturgist*  
John Hague and Jack Haefling  
*Audio Visual*  
Heather Hinton  
*Organist*  
Mark Gilgallon

Sign ups

Band Gathering  
To sign up, email [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)

Worship Without Walls chair setup on Sept 10  
at 10am. To sign up, email  
[events@northchurchindy.com](mailto:events@northchurchindy.com)

To sign up for the cookout after worship on Sept.  
11, please email [events@northchurchindy.com](mailto: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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