



January 22, 2023 – Livestream

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

arr. K. Kosche

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From east and west, north and south

**People: the Spirit gathers us in the name of Jesus.**

Leader: Young and old, rich and poor,

**People: the Spirit unites us in the work of Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN #547

*O Church of God, United*

***O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.***

***From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.  
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.***

***Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.***

***May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.***

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERS

Darren Cushman Wood

OPENING PRAYER

**Great God,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
revive our faith, repair our unity, and renew our witness  
for Jesus Christ who prayed  
that we may be one people of your everlasting grace. Amen.**

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
 Serve the Lord with gladness and come before her presence with a song.  
 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
 It is she that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
 We are his people, and the sheep of her pasture.  
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
 And into his courts with praise.  
 Be thankful unto God and speak good of his name.  
 For the Lord is gracious, her mercy is everlasting;  
 And this truth endureth from generation to generation.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #758

## Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
 whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
 of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me  
 to devour my flesh,  
 my adversaries and foes  
 shall stumble and fall.

**People: Though a host encamp against me,  
 my heart shall not fear;  
 though war arise against me,  
 yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord,  
 that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
 all the days of my life,  
 to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
 and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

Leader: The Lord will hide me in his shelter  
 in the day of trouble,  
 will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
 and will set me high upon a rock.

**People: And now my head shall be lifted up  
 above my enemies round about me,  
 and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent  
 with shouts of joy;  
 I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
 be gracious to me and answer me!

**People: 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek the Lord's face!'  
 Your face, O Lord, I seek.**

Leader: Hide not your face from me.  
 Turn not your servant away in anger,  
 for you who have been my help.

**People: Cast me not off, forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother should forsake me,  
the Lord would take me up.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

**People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the Lord!**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-4

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN OF PRAYER #561

*Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

***Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.***

***Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear;  
let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other's care.***

***Up unto thee, our living Head, let us in all things grow;  
till thou hast made us free indeed and spotless here below.***

***Touched by the lodestone of thy love, let all our hearts agree,  
and ever toward each other move, and ever move toward thee.***

***To thee, inseparably joined, let all our spirits cleave;  
O may we all the loving mind that was in thee receive.***

***This is the bond of perfectness, thy spotless charity;  
O let us, still we pray, possess the mind that was in thee.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2176

*Make Me a Servant*

***Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
Psalm 23

A. Kaplan  
Kate Roberts, soloist

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil;  
for Thou art with me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, my spiritual siblings, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my church family. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not

know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Cross Purposes*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #553

*And Are We Yet Alive*

***And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?***

***Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!***

***Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,  
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.***

***What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,  
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!***

***Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;  
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.***

***Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,  
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.***

***Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,  
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Festive Gloria*

A. Miller

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

John Hague, Jack Haefling and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

### Upcoming Events

Tuesdays from Jan 24-Feb 28, 6-7:30pm - "6 Ways We Encounter God,"  
A study led by Pastor Sunil (in person and online).

Jan 28, 5-6:30pm - "The Working Hungry," a film by Indy Hunger Network

Feb 3, 7pm - Indiana Pacers Game

Feb 5, 1-3pm - Cookies and Canvas  
To sign up, email [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)

Feb 21, 5:30-7pm - Mardi Gras

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