



January 29, 2023 – Livestream
United Women in Faith Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

The Summons

arr. M. Corl

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard

Leader: Come, lovers of God, join to sing.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: Come, friends of Jesus, lift your hearts on high. Join the celebration!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #156

I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.*

*I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.*

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.*

*And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]*

OPENING PRAYER

**Good Lord,
you showed us the way in Jesus Christ.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
help us to practice justice, desire mercy,
and walk tenderly with you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Day by Day

M. How
Women of the Cathedral Singers;
Kathleen Hacker, conductor

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray.
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #821

Psalm 100

Daphne Chen

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

People: We are the Lord's;

**we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!

People: Give thanks and bless God's name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Tiller-Luchtman

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, siblings in Christ: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #521

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. M. Wilberg

Women of the Cathedral Singers;
Kathleen Custer & Heather Hinton, piano;
Sheri Sullivan, conductor

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who had made all things well. *Refrain*

*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

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and will contend with Israel.

³ 'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Walk

Amy Sell

INSTALLATION OF UWF OFFICERS

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

***Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.***

***The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.***

***Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.***

***For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.***

*THE BLESSING

Leader: May the God of Sarah and Miriam

People: inspire us to laugh and dance.

Leader: May the God of Deborah and Hannah

People: lead us with vision and courage.

Leader: May the God of Tabitha and Lydia

People: challenge us to serve and share.

Leader: May the God of Mary

People: fill us with grace and peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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F. Ashdown

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in honor of the United Women in Faith of North Church.*

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

John Hague, James Horton and Eric Russell, *Audio Visual*

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).

Feb 3, 7pm - Indiana Pacers Game

Feb 5, 9:30-10:45am, Jack Leonard's 80th birthday celebration
in the Gathering Center

Feb 5, 1-3pm - Cookies and Canvas

To sign up, email asell@northchurchindy.com

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

United Women in Faith

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