



February 5, 2023 – Livestream
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

PRELUDE

We Come as Guests Invited

arr. E.L. Diemer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your reign of love and delight.

People: We gather to sing his song of truth and mercy.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your reign of love and delight.

People: We proclaim his story of peace and light.

*OPENING HYMN #569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

***We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.***

***Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.***

***We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)***

***We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)***

***We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11 am)

Holy Manna

arr. J. Raney
Denise Page-Caraher, director
Jim Caraher, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast.
Shout aloud! Do not be timid.
Tell my people Israel of their sins!
2 Yet they act so pious!
They come to the Temple every day
and seem delighted to learn all about me.
They act like a righteous nation
that would never abandon the laws of its God.
They ask me to take action on their behalf,
pretending they want to be near me.
3 ‘We have fasted before you!’ they say.
‘Why aren’t you impressed?
We have been very hard on ourselves,
and you don’t even notice it!’
“I will tell you why!” I respond.
“It’s because you are fasting to please yourselves.
Even while you fast,
you keep oppressing your workers.
4 What good is fasting
when you keep on fighting and quarreling?
This kind of fasting
will never get you anywhere with me.
5 You humble yourselves
by going through the motions of penance,
bowing your heads
like reeds bending in the wind.
You dress in burlap
and cover yourselves with ashes.
Is this what you call fasting?
Do you really think this will please the Lord?
6 “No, this is the kind of fasting I want:
Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you.
Let the oppressed go free,
and remove the chains that bind people.
7 Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those who need them,
and do not hide from relatives who need your help.
8 “Then your salvation will come like the dawn,
and your wounds will quickly heal.
Your godliness will lead you forward,
and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.
9 Then when you call, the Lord will answer.
‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply.
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Praise God

C. Courtney
Men of the Cathedral Singers

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise her above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him for his mighty acts.
Praise her in the firmament of her power. Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lightly Salted

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #2237

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

***As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.***

***We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.***

***As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Brandon Wallace

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus calls us to be the light of the world.

Therefore, we must confess
the sin we have committed
and the sin we have tolerated
which hides the light of grace.

**People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have settled for a lesser righteousness.
We have broken your law of love
and we have built a world of hate.
We have ignored the cries of the needy
and we have entertained the lies of the wicked.
Forgive our timid witness and tepid faith.
Free us to boldly follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Receive the Good News:
In Christ we are forgiven and free,
through Christ we are called and equipped,
and for Christ we sacrifice and serve.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

arr. J. Ness Beck
Men of the Cathedral Singers

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor and where it shall be.
Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
willing to follow it thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need.
Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Living or dying, I still would be thine. Yet I am mortal while thou are divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

*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 #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

#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.***

#585

This Little Light of Mine

v. 1, sung twice

***This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)***

#427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

v. 1-4

***Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.***

***In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.***

***From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.***

***The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

v. 5-6

***O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.***

***Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE

Walk in the Light

arr. D. Blackwell

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in celebration of the 80th birthday of Jack Leonard on February 6 from Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard.*

Special Note:

*Celebrate Jack's birthday with cake from 9:30 until 10:45am in the Gathering Center.
At 10:00am, Pastor Darren will offer a blessing.*

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*
John Hague, James Horton and Jack Haefling, *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).

Today, 1-3pm - Cookies and Canvas

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

Join a small group during Lent that will follow Pastor Darren's sermon series. Groups will begin the first week of Lent (3/26). To participate in or convene a group, please email asell@northchurchindy.com