



March 5, 2023 – Livestream
Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

PRELUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. W. Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you searchers and strivers;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We long for the renewal of our faith.

Leader: Come, you dreamers and doubters;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We pray for the restoration of our hope.

Leader: Come, you who are lost and lonely;
God is faithful to meet us at the font.

People: We gather for the revival of our love.

Leader: This is the time, no more delay.
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come, and be Jesus' guests.

*OPENING HYMN #339

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

***Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.***

Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.

Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

***Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.***

***My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.***

***This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11am)

Take Time to be Holy

Denise Page Caraher, director; Jim Caraher, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹And so, dear cousins, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹And since we

have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Christ. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep this promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of Christ's return is drawing near.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
(sung in Latin)

D. Forrest
Cathedral Singers

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Where charity and love are found, God is there. Gathered together as one in Christ's love.

Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur, Deus ibi est. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us rejoice and in him be glad, God is there. Let us fear, and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere amor.

and with heart, let us love each other sincerely.

Gaudium quod est immensum: congregavit nos in unum Christi amor, Deus ibi est.

Joy that is immeasurable: gathered together as one in Christ's love, God is there.

Caritas in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Charity in the midst of us is Christ God

Glorianter vultum tuum, cum beatis videamus Christe Deus.

With blessedness let us see your glorious face Christ God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Renewing Rituals
Part 2: Gathering Rituals

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN #2236

Gather Us In

***Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brough here to you in the light of this day.***

***Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

***We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.***

***Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.***

***Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.***

***Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.***

***Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Sunil Kotian

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Christ invites to his table all who love him
and who sincerely repent of their sins.
Therefore, let us prepare for the feast of grace
by confessing our sins before God and one another.
Lord, we confess that we ignore the cries of the needy
and overlook the beauty of the forgotten.

People: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We confess that we cut ourselves off from each other
and build walls of division.

People: Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Leader: We confess that we judge one another
and hold on to anger against one another.

People: Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Leader: In the cross,
Christ Jesus has created one new humanity of grace.
Know this day that your sins are forgiven
and rejoice in our reconciliation.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The One

arr. C. Courtney
Cathedral Singers

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven, comes a holy invitation
to a feast. Interceding for his children at the right hand of his Father, he invites us all, the most unto the
least. *The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come." The One who bore your shame, God's only
Song, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.*
Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior, as he serves the fragrant bread and
pours the wine. Then in grateful adoration of his blood and body given, praise the One who offers us
the feast divine. *Refrain*
He took, he blessed, he broke, he gave; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

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

#2275

Kyrie

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

#2268

As We Gather at Your Table

v. 1-2

***As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.***

***Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.***

***Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2268

As We Gather at Your Table

v. 3

***Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. R. Lind

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
John Hague and James Horton, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

"Renewing Wednesdays"

Join us in Lent every Wednesday, 5:30 – 7pm, light meal included
March 8—Letter writing to lawmakers (sponsored by the Justice and Advocacy Team)

Indianapolis Public Schools: Learn More About Our School District
Today, 4-5:30pm

Book Study

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond
Tuesdays March 7-28, 6-7:30pm, in person and on Zoom

Extra Canonical Study with Perry Kea
Tuesdays March 7-28, 6-7:30pm, in person and on Zoom

Green Team Book Exchange
March 12, 9am -1pm in the Community Room

Spring Break Family Fun Day, Friday
March 31, 10am-2pm, Education Wing

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 1, North's Parking Lot

Indy Fuel Game
Sunday, April 2, 5pm, Indiana Farmers Coliseum