



May 7, 2023 – Livestream
Youth Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. P. Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been raised to new life with Christ. Alleluia!

People: We set our sights on Christ who is above. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #310

He Lives

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.*

**Refrain: He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]*

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]**

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR BIBLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-8

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

⁷But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #619

Now the Silence

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome

Now the hearing Now the pow'r Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing

Now Now Now

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 4:11-16

¹¹These are the things you must insist on and teach. ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Word from the Youth Group

HYMN #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

v. 1-3

***This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.***

***For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.***

***Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.***

COVENANT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION #33

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by the candidates

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith:

**All: We believe in only One God,
the Guardian, the Almighty,**

**the Maker of heaven, hell, and everything in between,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in the Son of God,
a Preacher of the Word of God
and the embodiment of God,
the Creator who came down to Earth
and sacrificed his life for our sin.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Great Protector of us all,
the Counselor who walks beside us,
the Advocate who guides us,
and the Unseen Spirit who comforts us.**

**We believe in the Church,
a safe place for all to come together,
a community of diversity and togetherness,
a group that is more than the sum of its parts.**

**As fellow Children of God,
we accept and trust in the Trinity,
as we take our place in the Church Universal.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH
COMMENDATION AND WELCOME #38

HYMN #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

v. 4-5

***Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.***

***In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.***

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Christ our lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us
confess our sin before God and one another.

**People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sahara Crossing

R. Meyer

*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!***

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 #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.**

*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 HYMN #614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

v. 1-3

***For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.***

***With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

v. 4

***In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

I Know That My Redeemer

arr. D. Blackwell

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*
John Hague & James Horton, *Audio Visual*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

Gun Violence Prevention Forum, Today, May 7, 5-6:30pm

Children's Musical: "Dog Doof", Sunday, May 14, 9:45am

Plant Exchange, Sunday, May 21, 9:30am-1pm

Songs for World Peace, Sunday, May 21 at 11:00am

King's Island Youth Trip, Tuesday, June 6

Indy Pride Parade and Festival, Saturday, June 10

North Declaration Reflections, Sundays, June 4-June 18, noon

Youth Mission Trip to Gulf Coast (Hurricane Relief), June 17-23