



September 3, 2023 – Livestream
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

PRELUDE

I. Allegro
from *Spring* from *Four Seasons*

A. Vivaldi
Kathy Schilling, violin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

*OPENING HYMN #90

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

***Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:***

**Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord: [Refrain]***

***Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: [Refrain]***

***O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Becca Choate

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-10

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel
Summer Choir

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

SECOND LESSON

1 Chronicles 16:1-4, 7, 23-29

They brought in the ark of God, and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before God. ²When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord; ³and he distributed to every person in Israel—man and woman alike—to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. ⁴He appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the Lord, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel.

⁷ Then on that day David first appointed the singing of praises to the Lord by Asaph and his kindred:

²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

²⁴ Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

²⁵ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
who is to be revered above all gods.

²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

²⁷ Honor and majesty are before the Lord;
strength and joy are in God's place.

²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²⁹ Ascribe glory to God's name;
bring an offering, and come before the Lord.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why Here, Why Now?

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)***

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Sunil Kotian

Leader: In honesty and humility,
let us confess our sins to God and one another:

**People: God of loyal love,
we confess that we have
replaced your praise with our complaints,
rejected your glory for our pride,
resisted your will for our way.
We have worshipped ourselves
and dishonored your name.
Forgive us and help us
to be loyal to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: The One who made you is merciful;
the One who calls you is faithful.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY SOLO

III. Allegro
from *Spring* from *Four Seasons*

A. Vivaldi
Kathy Schilling, violin

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father...

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven,
we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

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: We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power....

and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy

your Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts....
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

*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

#2160

Into My Heart

***Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.***

***Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.***

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Holy, Holy, Holy

3 times

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

***Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.***

***The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.***

***The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.***

***God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.***

***With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.***

***Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.***

***With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.***

***Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

H. Willan

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in recognition of Rev. Schilling playing the organ at the wedding
of Don and Gail Nelson on September 6, 1970 at North United Methodist Church.*

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*
Becca Choate, *Liturgist*
John Hague and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Music Director*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

Youth and Family Pool Party, Today

Farmer's Market, September 7, 4:00-6:00 pm

Worship Without Walls and Cookout, September 10, 11:00am
(no 8:30am service)

Short Stories by Jesus (Amy-Jill Levine) - book study by Pastor Sunil
September 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17 - 6-7:30pm. In person and ZOOM

Youth Breakfast, September 17, 9:45-10:45am

Children's Ministry 101, September 17, 9:45-10:45am

Youth Group Starts, September 17, 1:00-3:00pm

ELEVATION starts, September 17, 1:00-3:00pm

Fall Festival and Hymn Sing, September 24, 5:30-7:30pm

