



## October 22, 2023 – Livestream Health and Healing Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Care and Nurture Team

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Etude No. 6*

Bach/Granjany  
Marji Hanna, cello

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name,

**People: who forgives my sins,  
heals my wounds,  
redeems me from death,  
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.**

\*OPENING HYMN #2213

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

**Refrain: *Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.***

***You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]***

***In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]***

***Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]***

***You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
who can banish all affliction,  
show forth your power upon those in need,  
that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh  
in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Come to Me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.  
 Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.  
 Come, My child, learn My heart, for I am gentle and lowly.  
 See how great My love for you, that I have called you My child.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Psalm 13

Leader: How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
**People: How long will you hide your face from me?**  
 Leader: How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
**People: and day after day have sorrow in my heart?**  
 Leader: How long will my enemy triumph over me?  
**People: Look on me and answer, Lord my God.**  
 Leader: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
**People: and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"**  
**and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**  
 Leader: But I trust in your unfailing love;  
 my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
**People: I will sing the Lord's praise,**  
**for God has been good to me.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Hinderliter Lewis

## FIRST LESSON

## James 5:14-16

<sup>4</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #375

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

**Refrain: *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;***  
***there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.***

***Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.***  
***But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)***

***Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,***  
***and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)***

***If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,***  
***just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. (Refrain)***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy Sell

Leader: Christ Jesus, the Great Physician, applies the balm that heals the sin-sick soul.  
 Therefore, let us confess our sins and seek his mercy:  
 Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to God and to one another. Lord, have mercy.  
**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin, evil, and chaos. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you offer us a new beginning. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

[silent prayer]

Leader: Hear the Good News: through Christ our sins are forgiven,  
and in the Spirit, we find the assurance of God whose love makes us whole.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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 #2064

*O Lord, You're Beautiful*

***O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;  
and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.***

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

J. Althouse  
Cathedral Singers

Lord Jesus, think on me, and cast away my sin.  
From earthborn passions set me free and make me pure within.  
Lord Jesus, think on me with care and woe oppressed.  
Let me your loving servant be and know your promised rest.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife.  
In my time of need be my health and life.  
Lord Jesus, think on me. Nor let me go astray.  
Through darkness and perplexity, guide me on your way.  
Lord Jesus, think on me.

#### \*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

Isaiah 57:18-19

<sup>18</sup> I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;  
I will lead them and repay them with comfort,  
<sup>19</sup> creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.  
Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord,  
and I will heal them.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Imagining God, Part 6: God the Healer*

Darren Cushman Wood

## INVITATION

Amy Sell

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE OIL

Sunil Kotian

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

*If you would like to receive prayer and or anointing at home, please contact [nrickett@northchurchindy.com](mailto:nrickett@northchurchindy.com)*

## ANOINTING HYMNS

#474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
***Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:***

***Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

***When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: [Refrain]***

***When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: [Refrain]***

#354 *I Surrender All*  
***All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.***

v. 1-4

***Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***

***All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,  
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]***

***All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]***

***All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]***

Leader: Almighty God,  
we pray that our families, our friends, and our communities  
may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.

**People: When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;  
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;  
when they are lost, offer them hope;  
when they are alone, move us to their side;  
when death comes, open your arms to receive them.  
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #354

*I Surrender All*

v. 5

***All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.******O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name!******I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. A. Travis

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Dorothy Esterline and Janet Esterline Yosha from their family.*

### This week's worship leaders:

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

The Unwelcome Exhibit will be on display at North Church throughout the month of October. This interactive exhibit is designed by The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana to inform and educate participants of the systemic barriers. These barriers have impacted our neighborhoods through redlining, racial covenants, steering, neighborhood intimidation, and other forms of housing discrimination. Modern-day forms of housing discrimination in sales and lending will also be highlighted.

Invite your friends and family to view the exhibit,  
which will be on display throughout the week from 9:00 am-2:30pm.

## Upcoming Events

Exploring North (for prospective members), October 22, 9:45am,  
Conference Room and via ZOOM

Charge Conference, October 29, 3pm, at Bethel UMC

Trunk-or-Treat, October 29, 4-6pm

