



November 12, 2023 – Livestream  
2023 Hamilton Series

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

arr. W. Bates

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and sing our Great Redeemer's praise!

**People: Jesus Christ is our life and health and peace.**

Leader: Come and sing the glories of our God and King!

**People: Jesus Christ breaks the power of sin and sets the prisoners free.**

Leader: Come and sing the triumphs of God's grace!

**People: Jesus Christ died and rose for me!**

\*OPENING HYMN #57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

v. 1-5, 7

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!***

***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.***

***Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.***

***He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.***

***He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.***

***In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.***

OPENING PRAYER

**What words can we use,  
what songs can we sing  
to express our devotion to you, great God?**

**Yet, here and now, you immerse us in your glory.  
Enrich our faith and receive our thanks  
for the indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*You Make the Sun to Rise*

Craig Courtney

You make the sun to rise with heavenly glory; You fill the deep with life no eye has seen;  
You speak, and trees applaud, and stars assemble to hear Your mystery spoken once again.  
We do not hear the praise creation offers when we believe that we alone can sing.

How will we sing when words have lost all meaning? How can we serve those needs we will not see?  
How can our minds contain so great a yearning unless Your Spirit burns in us anew?  
With You, we'll soar on wings reserved for eagles, with You we'll come to shores beyond our sight.

When we alone will name the wrong before us, but no one else will make our cause their own;  
when, in defeat, we flee into the desert, Lord, set a table for our weary souls.

Come, take and eat, all you who faint with hunger, then rise and seek your purpose once again.  
As once Your word flew out across the waters, so, still it broods above our groaning land,  
and sings a song of justice, peace and mercy, inviting all to join its healing song;  
For we can sing and worlds come into being; may our voice rise in harmony with You.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #832

Psalm 111

Amy Sell

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord,  
whose righteousness endures for ever,**

Leader: who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**People: The Lord provides food for the faithful  
and is ever mindful of his covenant.**

Leader: The Lord has shown his people the power of his works  
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

**People: The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;  
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;  
they are established for ever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: The Lord sent redemption to his people  
and has commanded his covenant for ever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name!

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
The praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

James Semmelroth Darnell

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7-11

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for giving you this good land.

<sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep God's commandments, ordinances, and statutes, which I am commanding you today.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #68

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

***When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!***

***How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!***

***So has the church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!***

***And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!***

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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 #2276

*Glory to God in the Highest*

***Glory to God in the highest! Sing glory to God!  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!***

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*Rooted in Faith*

Dustin Fregiato

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O, come let us sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Let us shout joyfully! O, come let us sing to the Lord to the rock of our salvation.  
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name. Proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.  
Declare God's glory among the nations, the wonders among all peoples.  
For the Lord God is great, and greatly to be praised; God is to be feared among all gods.  
O, come let us sing to the Lord a new song!

\*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

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.'

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*God's Unnecessary Gift*

Jeremy Begbie

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*I Praise the Lord with All My Heart*

Tune: Land of Rest

***I praise the Lord with all my heart, with all who live upright.  
Each day, always, till life I part, I'll sing God's great delight.***

***Around me swirls the Lord's decrees, strong words that end my strife.  
In awe and joy, I bend the knee for works that save my life.***

***God keeps the pledge to all the land for just and kind pathways.  
We work and rest in God's strong hands, who leads us all our days.***

***We praise the Lord with all our hearts, with all who live upright.  
Each day, always, until we part, we sing God's great delight.***

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### This week's worship leaders:

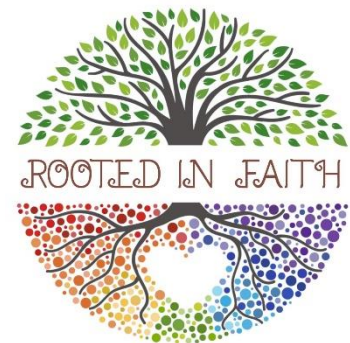
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Heather Hinton, *Organist*

### Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Feast and Game Night, November 17, 5-8pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service Featuring the Indianapolis Children's Choir,  
Wednesday, November 22, 7pm

All-Church Advent Festival, December 3, 5:30pm



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