



January 14, 2024 - Livestream  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. J.G. Walther

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all that have life and breath praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord! Amen!**

Leader: Commander of creation, Schemer of goodness, Governor of all wonders:

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Friend of the rejected, Broker of mercy, Repairer of the breach:

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Keeper of the weary, Sustainer of the faithful, Guardian of our souls:

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Mother of humanity, Midwife of freedom, Womb of grace:

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let the amen sound from God's people again:

**People: Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN #139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!***

***O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!***

***All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning***

***bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.***

***God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;***

***surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.***

***Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,***

***fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.***

***Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!***

***All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!***

***Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,  
you invite us to come and see your glory.  
Lead us beyond our doubts,  
and show us things greater than we can imagine. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Lord, You Have Searched Me Out*

H. Willan  
Voices in Accord

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know when I sit down, and when I rise up; you understand my thoughts long before. Where shall I go then from your spirit, or where shall I go from your presence? If I take the wings of the morning and remain in the farthest parts of the sea. Even there also shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," then shall my night be turned to day, for the darkness is not darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light are both alike to you.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

**People: You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

**People: Before a word is on my tongue, you, Lord, know it completely.**

Leader: You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.**

Leader: For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you

**People: when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**

Leader: Your eyes saw my unformed body;

**People: all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.**

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**People: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand;  
when I awake, I am still with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. <sup>2</sup> One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. <sup>4</sup> Suddenly the Lord called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" <sup>5</sup> He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." <sup>7</sup> Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before.

<sup>8</sup> So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. <sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

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 #2013

*Bless the Lord*

***Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

I heard him call, "Come, follow," that was all. My gold grew dim, my soul went after him,  
 I rose and followed, that was all. Who would not follow if they heard him call?  
 Him evermore I behold, walking in Galilee, through the cornfields' waving gold, in hamlet,  
 or grassy hill, by the shores of the beautiful sea.  
 He touches the sightless eyes, before him the demons flee; to the dead he saith, "Arise!"  
 To the living, "Follow 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!***

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Greater Things*

Darren Cushman Wood

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #419

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

***I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
 but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.***

**Refrain: *Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
 Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

***Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
 let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.* [Refrain]**

***O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
 when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!* [Refrain]**

***There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
 there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.* [Refrain]**

## \*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*In Thee is Gladness*

arr. R. Hobby

### This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*  
Eric Russell, James Horton, and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

### Upcoming Events

January 14, Impact of Youth Mentoring, 12:30 p.m.  
January 16, Young Adult Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Books and Brews  
Mothership  
January 19, Happy Feet Winter Movie Night, 5:30-8 p.m.  
January 20, Youth Movie Night and Taco Bar, 5:30 p.m.  
January 23, Ecumenical Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.  
February 2, Indiana Pacers v. Sacramento Kings, 7:30 p.m.

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### Join Us in the New Year

#### ***Study Together:***

"On Purpose: Finding  
God's Voice in Your  
Passion" Book Study  
Wednesdays,  
Jan. 10-31  
6-7:30 p.m.

#### ***Serve Together:***

Eviction Sealing Event  
Saturday, Feb. 10  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### ***Pray Together:***

Prayer Workshop  
Saturday, Jan. 27  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### ***Celebrate Together:***

Christian Singer  
Callie Day  
Sunday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m.

