



January 7, 2024 - Livestream First Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

arr. B. Harbach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all creation.

People: We will sing the almighty power of God that made the world.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all creation.

People: We will sing the goodness of the Lord that fills the earth.

*OPENING HYMN #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 29

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Cry No More

D. Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home,
where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,
all is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown.

Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near,

deep abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend,
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Day One

HYMN #422

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

***Jesus, thine all-victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.***

***O that in me the sacred fire might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire and make the mountains flow!***

***O that it now from heaven might fall and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call, Spirit of burning, come!***

***Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ,
reluctant to follow him, and afraid to bear the cross: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, forgive.

Leader: For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship,
the selfishness of our prayers, the neglect of our fellowship,
and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, forgive.

Leader: For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities,
and avoid being good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, forgive.

Leader: For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good,
tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn,
and selfish in sharing your love with others: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, forgive.

Leader: Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore, to all who truly repent this is God's gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION #607

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Leader: As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone,
but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:

People: make us all one, that the world may believe.

Leader: Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

People: establish justice and peace among all people.

Leader: Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble:

People: deliver them from their distress.

Leader: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

People: bring us all to share in your heavenly realm.

Leader: Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others....Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Hymn for Epiphany Time

arr. T. Fettke

Gathered 'round Your table this epiphany, viewing Bethlehem's stable, in two different ways.
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed; weep to see You dying in our sinful stead. Prince of Glory,
gracing heaven ere time began, now for us embracing death as Son of Man. By your birth so lowly,
by Your love so true, by Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You! With infinite wonder, we,
Your body take, laid in a manger, broken for our sake. With hushed adoration, we approach the cup;
Bethlehem's pure oblation freely offered up. Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame,
how shall sinners render praises due Your name? Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring.
In Your ransomed treasure, reign forever King.

*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 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

*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

#331 *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us*
***Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.***

***Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.***

***Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come your self to make us live;
holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.***

***Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.***

#606 *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*
***Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.***

v. 1-2

***The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #606

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

v. 3

***Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high and keep us to that day!***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Gloria

B. Harbach

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
John Hague, 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 19, Happy Feet Winter Movie Night, 5:30-8 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.

