



February 4, 2024 – Livestream
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

UPDATE ON 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Rooted in Faith

Marie Powell

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

arr. W. Wold

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Servants of Christ: the world is waiting to see God's faithful love.

People: We will risk our lives and bear the cross!

Leader: Servants of Christ: the world is waiting to hear God's joyful song.

People: We will join the chorus and share the work!

*OPENING HYMN #568

Christ for the World We Sing

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.***

CHORISTERS' ANTHEM

Small Deeds

J. Horman

Eric Applegate, piano; Rosie Jordan, director

*Small deeds, done with great conviction; small deeds, each one wisely planned;
Small deeds, touched by truth and beauty; small deeds guided by the hand of God.*

I may never be like Noah and build a mighty ark,
but I can light one candle to drive away the dark.

I may never be like Moses from Pharaoh's yoke be freed,
but I can lend a helping hand to those who are in need.

I may never be like Hannah and give to God my son,
but I can give the gift of love to people, one by one.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
sung in Latin

M. Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Déus ibi est.
Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Love brings us together in one Christ.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
We therefore rejoice in it.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us fear and love the living God.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And from the heart let us devote ourselves with sincerity.
Ubi caritas et amor, Déus ibi est. Amen.
Where there is charity and love, God is there.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Proclaiming the Message

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN #182

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

***Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.***

***Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken; heal the world, by our sin broken.***

***Word that speaks your Father's love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Amy Sell

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who desire him,
who turn away from their sin, and long to live in peace with others.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

People: O God, deliver us from our sins and our distress.

We confess that we have not done your will.

We have failed to fulfill our vows to you.

Forgive us and free us

to walk before you,

to be your servant,

**and to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. Amen.**

Leader: Christ offered himself for us so that we can have eternal life.
We live in the generosity of God's grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Comes to Us

H. Frombach

Christ comes to us in the bread, broken in love. Christ comes to us in the wine, poured out in love.

Christ comes that we may have new life now and forever. Broken in love. Poured out in love.

Christ comes to us in each other. Open our hearts to each other.

Christ comes that we may have new life now and forever.

Broken in love. Poured out in love. Christ comes to us!

*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 #2278

*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

#367

He Touched Me

***Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.***

***Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.***

***Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls. [Refrain]***

#2171

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,***

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #413

A Charge to Keep I Have

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!*

*Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!*

*Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.*

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sunil Kotian

POSTLUDE

Ubi Caritas

arr. D. Lasky

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the 81st birthday
of Jack Leonard on February 6 from Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard.
P.S. Jack - enjoy the special showers of blessings assigned to you from our God today and always!*

Upcoming Events

February 4, Youth Group Bowling, 2:00 – 4:00pm

February 10, Eviction Sealing Event, 9:30am – 12:30pm

February 11, featuring singer Callie Day at the 11:00am service

February 11, Young Adult Superbowl Party, 6:30pm

February 13, Mardi Gras, 5:30pm

February 14, Ash Wednesday, 7:30am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm, Chapel

February 18, Lenten Small Groups
begin at various locations, times, and dates

February 21, Renewing Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm

February 22, Miriam Circle, 12:30pm

February 27, Women of Lydia, 7:00pm

This week's worship leaders:

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Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

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Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

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