



March 10, 2024 – Livestream
Fourth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

The Servant King

arr. A. Bullard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At the name of Jesus let us confess that he is the Sovereign of our souls.

People: Glory to God for Christ the faithful Shepherd.

Leader: At the name of Jesus let us celebrate that he is the Lord of life.

People: Glory to God for Christ the liberating Judge.

*OPENING HYMN #168

At the Name of Jesus

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.*

*Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.*

*Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
you still the storms of life
and you control the course of history.
Take charge of our hearts
and command our lives
with your rule of love. Amen.**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 82

Brandon Wallace

Leader: God presides over heaven's court,
who pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings.

**People: How long will you hand down unjust decisions
by favoring the wicked?**

Leader: Give justice to the poor and the orphan;
uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.

**People: Rescue the poor and helpless;
deliver them from the grasp of evil people.**

Leaders: But these oppressors know nothing;
they are so ignorant!
They wander about in darkness,
while the whole world is shaken to the core.

**People: I say, 'You are gods;
you are all children of the Most High.**

Leader: But you will die like mere mortals
and fall like every other ruler.'

**People: Rise up, O God, and judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-13

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #189

Fairest Lord Jesus

***Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

***Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.***

***Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.***

***Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sunil Kotian

Leader: Though he was rich,
our Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake
became poor so that by his poverty
we might become rich in mercy.
Therefore, let us confess our sins:

**People: Great God,
whose faithful compassion surrounds us,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have looked to others to fulfill our desires;
we have trusted ourselves for our security;
we have taken delight in other lords.
Forgive us and free us for joyful service
in the name of Jesus, our compass and our guide. Amen.**

Leader: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

People: grant us peace.

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 #482

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
from *Mass in E Flat*

J. Rheinberger
Sung in Latin

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 8:18-27

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹A scribe then approached and said, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.' ²⁰And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ²¹Another of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ²²But Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.'

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Do You Say That I Am, Part 4: Jesus the Sovereign

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #157

Jesus Shall Reign

***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

***To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.***

***People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.***

***Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.***

***Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

At the Name of Jesus

arr. C. Phillips

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of
Byron Stroh, Dick Hamilton, David Owen and Jon Walters, former pastors of North Church,
from Don and Gail Nelson.*

*The white carnation on the altar is in memory of
John Drake who passed away on March 1st.*

Throughout Lent, the Justice and Advocacy Team invites us to pray for peace around the world. The olive tree on the altar is a visual prayer for peace. After each service, you are invited to kneel or stand at the altar and offer your prayers for peace.

This week, we offer prayers for all people involved in the conflict in Ukraine. The QR Code will take you to the UMCOR site detailing action on Ukraine.

Action Alert



<http://tinyurl.com/2sxece92>

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays During Lent

Communion in the Chapel, 7:30am

Renewing Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

March 13: packing kits for UMCOR

Light dinner, fellowship, and shared experience

March 14, Young Adult Dinner, 6:00pm

March 15, Indy Fuel Game, 7:00pm

March 17, The Magic of Healing, 1:00-3:00pm

March 26, Spring Break Family Fun Day, 10:00am-2:00pm

March 26, Lydia Circle, 7:00pm

April 2, LGBTQ+ Fellowship Gathering at The Garage Food Hall,
6:00pm

This week's worship leaders:

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