



April 14, 2024 – Livestream
Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Andante con espressione
from *King Arthur*

H. Purcell
Rob Danforth, Alison Dresser, horns

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory to God who won the victory over death by raising Jesus from the grave.

People: Glory to Christ who opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to the Spirit who leads us with peace and power.

People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #303

The Day of Resurrection

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.***

***Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.***

OPENING PRAYER

**God of life, you restore all good things
through the power of the risen Jesus.
Mend our brokenness that we may be
a fellowship of joy and an assembly of hope. Amen.**

May the living Christ be with you: before you to show the way, beside you to befriend you,
behind you encourage you, above you to watch over you, beneath you to cushion you,
and within you to give you peace.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #762

Psalm 30 with musical response

Musical Response: *For the night weeping may tarry; with the morning light comes joy.*

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

People: restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit. [Response]

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**People: For the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.**

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

**People: As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**

Leader: By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;

People: you hid your face; I was dismayed. [Response]

Leader: To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

**People: "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?"**

Leader: Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed off my sackcloth
and girded me with gladness,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

People: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. [Response]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Hinderliter Lewis

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

¹The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. ³Christ is pure, and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2243

We All Are One in Mission

***We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

***We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.***

***Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

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 #2043

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Tomb Stands Open Wide!

C. Courtney
Voices in Accord

Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead, the third day even as He said,
and He has cancelled sin's dread curse – the tomb stands open wide!
He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,
and we are freed from guilt and shame – the tomb stands open wide!
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Thanks be unto God, who gives us the victory through our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ!
He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,
and we are freed from guilt and shame – the tomb stands open wide!
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not contain Him,
the darkness could not cover Him, He arose! He arose! He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah!

*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

Acts 3:1-10

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stop and Stare

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

***The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.***

***We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.***

***We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.***

***Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Day of Resurrection

arr. K. Hildebrand

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Al Galloway from Charlotte and the Galloway family.

The red carnation on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Elspeth (Elsy) Jo Schilling, born April 4, 2024. Elsy is welcomed by parents Kaitlin and Thomas Schilling, grandparents Peter and Kathy Schilling and great-grandparents Bob and Rita Schilling.

Upcoming Events:

Today, Cookies and Canvas, 1:00pm

April 27, Pine Creek Tree Planting

April 28, United Women in Faith Sunday Supper, noon

May 12, Children's Mothers' Day Musical: *Moonlight SUN-ata*, 9:45am

May 19, Haydn's *Mass for St. John of God*, 11:00am

June 2, Church Picnic, noon

Support for Family Promise:
May - Collecting houseware items

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship & Formation

Brandon Wallace

Minister of Youth & Young Adults

Debbie Hinderliter Lewis

Liturgist

Eric Russell, James Horton,

Allen McCormack

Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Heather Hinton

Organist

Pine Creek Tree Planting is on April 27. We are going to be planting 114 trees at Pine Creek Camp in West Lafayette, IN. We will leave the church at 8:30am and will plan to return by 7pm. We need volunteers, and we will also provide lunch and dinner for the trip. When signing up, please let me know if you need transportation or if you will provide your own transportation to Pine Creek. I also need drivers if anyone wants to take passengers. Please signup by April 22 if interested in volunteering by emailing bwallace@northchurchindy.com.