



May 26, 2024 – Livestream
First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brandon Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Ave Verum Corpus

arr. J. Marcellus/W.A. Mozart
North's Winds

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come into your presence, O God, because you have adopted us into your family.

People: We cry Abba Father!

Leader: Your Spirit bears witness to our spirit

People: and we know that we are your children.

Leader: We are joint heirs with Christ

People: so that as we suffer with him we will be glorified with him.

*OPENING HYMN #64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, we thank you
for the sacrifice of your Son Jesus that joins us back to you.
We ask that your Spirit guide us to greater truths.
As we live out our faith,
may we be your presence in a world that needs you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lord, Lord

T.M. Scott
Bennett Crantford, bass

Save us, Lord! We are not worthy, but we long for your love.
Not everyone who cries "Lord, Lord," is gonna walk into the kingdom of God. Allelu.
But everyone who heeds his will, and keeps the commandments too.
Listen to me like a sensible man; you can hold life in the palm of your hand.
Listen to me; eternal life can be yours, if you just follow me.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 29

Amy Sell

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of God is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

People: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;

People: and in the temple all say, 'Glory!'

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as the everlasting ruler.

**People: May the Lord strengthen us!
May God bless us with peace!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Emily Willson,
Duke Divinity School Intern

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. God was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of God's robe filled the Temple. Mighty seraphim were there, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

The whole earth is filled with God's glory!"

Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "It is all over! I am doomed, for I am sinful. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The angel touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2046

Womb of Life

***Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.***

***We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.***

***Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the spirit by your breath.***

***Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.***

***Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever, One-in-three, and Three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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 #71

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Amy Sell

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Locutus Iste

arr. J. Marcellus/A. Bruckner
North's Winds

*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 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Chain Reaction

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #98

To God Be the Glory

***To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.***

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

***O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]***

***Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

arr. J. Westenkuehler

Upcoming Events:

June 2, Presentation on General Conference, 9:45am
June 2, Church Picnic, noon
June 4, Youth Group King's Island Trip
June 8, Indy Pride festival and parade
June 15 – 22, Summer Mission Trip to Oklahoma City
July 7 – 12, Camp at Pine Creek
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
Emily Willson
Pastoral Intern
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& Allen McCormack
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
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