



June 2, 2024 – Livestream
Second Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Taste of Cana's Wine

D. E. Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Sing praises to God our strength. Sing to the God of Jacob.

**People: Beat the tambourine and play the harp.
Blow the ram's horn and call a festival!**

Leader: The Lord declares:

"Now, I will take the load from your shoulders.
I will free your hands from their heavy tasks."

**People: The Lord our God rescued us from Egypt
and filled us with good things.**

*OPENING HYMN #96

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

***Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heav'n adore.***

***Celebrate th' eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.***

***God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heav'n on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. ¹³ You have six days each week for your ordinary work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your oxen and donkeys and other livestock, and any foreigners living among you. All your male and female servants must rest as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were once slaves in Egypt, but the Lord your God brought you out with his strong hand and powerful arm. That is why the Lord your God has commanded you to rest on the Sabbath day.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. K. Pederson

Sandy Williams, electric guitar

A mighty fortress is our God, a refuge never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

Thy word above all earthly power; Thy Love above all earthly power;
Thy Hope above all earthy power; my God above all earthly power.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; Thy kingdom is forever.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Humanity is sovereign even of the Sabbath."

^{3:1} Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Sabbath Ethic

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN #2255

In the Singing

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table--*

**Refrain: *Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.***

*In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people—[Refrain]*

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Emily Willson

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare for the Gospel feast by surrendering our sins to God.

**People: Gracious Lord, our sins are too heavy to bear,
too great to cover up, and too deep to overcome.
Forgive us for the evil we have done and the goodness we have failed to do.
Free us to receive your Spirit and rely on your strength
to do all things to the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the Good News:

Our troubled souls find rest in the Lord of the Sabbath
who forgives our sins and heals our wounds.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Last Day

B.Russell & J. Ewbank
Sandy Williams, guitar;
Mark Gilgallon, soloist

If today were the last of all days, would it change how you feel, who you are?
Would you rise for a moment above all your fears, become one with the moon and the stars?
Would you like what you see looking down? Did you give everything that you could?
Have you done all the things that you've wanted to do? Is there still so much more that you would?

Follow your dream to the end of the rainbow, way beyond one pot of gold.

Open your eyes to the colors around you and find the true beauty life holds.

Would you live in the moment like when you were young, when time didn't travel so fast,
being free in the present, enjoying the now, not tied to a future or a past?

Refrain

You'd probably say all you wanted to say, but doesn't it strike you as strange
that we'd only begin to start living our lives if today were the last of all days.

*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!***

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Amy Sell & Sunil Kotian

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

#618

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)*

#630 *Become to Us the Living Bread*
*Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed,
renewed, and greatly comforted:*

v. 1-2

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Become the never-failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline
our hearts to bear the covenant sign: [Refrain]*

PRAYER

Amy Sell

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #630 *Become to Us the Living Bread*
*May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board
to praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

v. 3

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr. J. Spong

Upcoming Events:

Today, 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

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This week's worship leaders:

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Senior Pastor
Sunil Kotian
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Amy Sell
*Minister of Discipleship &
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Minister of Youth & Young Adults
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& Allen McCormack
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
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