



July 14, 2024 – Livestream
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Pavane
from *A Renaissance Dance Suite*

M. Ellis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God of every nation, redeem your whole creation with your mighty hand.

**People: Let justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Leader: O God of our nation, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

**People: Let justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

*OPENING HYMN #435

O God of Every Nation

***O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.***

***From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.***

***Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.***

***Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Fierce and Tender God,
who measures the world with love,
strengthen our hands to do your work of justice,
widen our hearts to share your gift of mercy,
and open our eyes to see your vision of hope
for all people and for the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

J. Althouse
Summer Choir

Lord Jesus, think on me, and cast away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me with care and woe oppressed.
Let me your loving servant be and know your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amide the battle's strife.
In my time of need be my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me. Nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity, guide me on your way. Lord Jesus, think on me.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: Let me hear what our Sovereign God will speak,

**People: for the Lord will proclaim peace among the people,
to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Leader: Salvation is at hand for those who honor God,

People: so the glory of the Lord may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: The Sovereign One will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**People: Righteousness will go before God
and will make a path for God's steps.**

Leader: Our Lord will bless us;
our land will produce wonderful crops.

**People: Justice will march in front,
making a path for us to follow.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

James 1:9-11

⁹ Any of God's people who are poor should be glad that God thinks so highly of them. ¹⁰ But any who are rich should be glad when God makes them humble. Rich people will disappear like wild flowers ¹¹ scorched by the burning heat of the sun. The flowers lose their blossoms, and their beauty is destroyed. This is how the rich will disappear, as they go about their business.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2177

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

***Wounded world that cries for healing - here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!***

***Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.***

***Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.***

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 #2157

Come and Fill Our Hearts

2x

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY SOLO

*A Simple Song
from Mass*

L. Bernstein
John Brewer, tenor

Sing God a simple song: lauda, laude ...
Make it up as you go along: lauda, laude ...
Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.
I will sing the Lord a new song. To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in His ways.
I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing lauda, laude.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand.

And the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord.
Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in His ways.
Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, lauda di da di day... all of my 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!***

SECOND LESSON

Amos 7:7-9

⁷This is what God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in God's hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;
⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Plumb Line

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #415

Take Up Thy Cross

***"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sortie in C

M. Ellis

Upcoming Events:

Today, Indianapolis Indians Game, Victory Field, 1:30pm

Tuesdays, July 2-30, 6:00-7:30pm

"Hearing and Doing" Book of James Study with Emily Willson
at Guggman Haus Brewing Co.
1701 Gent Avenue

Farmers Market Dates

July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Sept. 5, and Sept. 19, 4:00 — 6:00pm

July 18, LGBTQ+ Gathering, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Garage Food Hall

July 23, Fishing at Eagle Creek, 10:00am – 2:00pm, Lilly Lake

July 28, Backpack Blessing during both services

August 4, Children and Youth Volunteer Training

August 17, Children, Youth, and Families Turkey Run Canoeing, Hiking,
and Picnic

Scan to sign up for our newsletter:



This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor

Amy Sell

*Minister of Discipleship &
Formation*

Emily Willson

Pastoral Intern

John Hague, James Horton
& Eric Russell

Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Kathleen Custer

Guest Organist