



August 4, 2024 – Livestream
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you searchers and strivers; God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We long for the renewal of our faith.

Leader: Come, you dreamers and doubters; God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We pray for the restoration of our hope.

Leader: Come, you who are lost and lonely; God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We gather for the revival of our love.

Leader: This is the time, no more delay. This is the Lord's accepted day.

Come, and be Jesus' guests.

*OPENING HYMN #616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest.

Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

***Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse;
your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.***

***Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;
O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.***

***See him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice;
his offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.***

***Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you;
come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for God has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' '

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO L. Bernstein
Psalm 23
from *Chichester Psalms* Nick Brightman, bass clarinet

*GOSPEL LESSON John 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Humanity will give you. For the seal of God the Father rests on him.'

²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Darren Cushman Wood
Real Ingredients

*HYMN #613 *O Thou Who this Mysterious Bread*

***O Thou who this mysterious bread didst in Emmaus break,
return, herewith our souls to feed, and to thy followers speak.***

***Unseal the volume of thy grace, apply the gospel word;
open our eyes to see thy face, our hearts to know the Lord.***

***Of thee communing still, we mourn till thou the veil remove;
talk with us, and our hearts shall burn with flames of fervent love.***

***Enkindle now the heavenly zeal, and make thy mercy known,
and give our pardoned souls to feel that God and love are one.***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Emily Willson

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus invites to his table all who
hunger for liberation and thirst for salvation.
Let us surrender everything that hinders us from the feast of grace:

**People: Generous and Patient God,
we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole heart.
We have complained more than rejoiced,
worried more than prayed,
and argued more than shared.
We have ignored the work of mercy
and tolerated the forces of evil.
Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Amy Sell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

One at the Feast

C. Courtney
Summer Choir

He ate bread at their tables, He joined them in their feasts, and many asked the Savior,
"Why do You dine with these, the outcast and the sinner, the dying and the poor?
There are many greater than these You sit before." Break the bread and pour the wine,
let them drink, let them dine, none is greater than the least, all are one, one at the feast.

So let the poor and the wealthy be seated side by side, the sick among the healthy,
the widow by the bride, the hungry and the thirsty with those who have been fed and share
the feast together, come share the wine and bread. Break the bread and pour the wine,
let them drink, let them dine, none is greater than the least, all are one, one at the feast.

Gather at the table, come and take your place, there is room for many at the feast of grace.
With the bread remember, with the wine recall Jesus gave His body and His blood for all,
Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink, let them dine, none is greater than the least,
all are one, one at the feast.

*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

Darren Cushman Wood & Emily Willson

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

#640

Take Our Bread

**Refrain: Take our bread, we ask you;
take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.**

***Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours. [Refrain]***

***Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
we are yours, we are yours. [Refrain]***

#2264

Come to the Table

sung twice

***Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.***

PRAYER

Emily Willson

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2260

Let Us Be Bread

sung twice

***Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE

Allegro con espressione
from *Sonata in G minor, Op. 24 No. 5*

F. Devienne
Nick Brightman, bass clarinet

Upcoming Events:

Sojourner Study - American Idolatry
Starting today at 9:45am in Room 005
Books available in the classroom

Farmers Market Dates
Aug. 15, Sept. 5, and Sept. 19, 4:00 — 6:00pm

Worship Without Walls
Sept. 8, only one service at 11:00am

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Amy Sell
Minister of Discipleship & Formation
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Youth & Young Adults
Emily Willson
Pastoral Intern
John Hague, James Horton & Allen McCormack
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
Kathleen Custer
Guest Organist