



October 20, 2024 – Livestream  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. M. Compton  
Cathedral Ringers,  
Kelley & Jeff Warbinton, directors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, children of the Light, for your hope is coming.

**People: We will clothe ourselves with faith and love.**

Leader: Be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

**People: The Lord is with us!**

\*OPENING HYMN #715

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

***Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.***

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.***

***Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.***

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.***

***His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.***

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.***

***Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.***

***We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!***

OPENING PRAYER

Great and loving God, your hope is unfading.

When the faithful live in love and work for justice,  
heaven breaks into earth.

Give us the grace to live confidently,  
trusting that the Lord of history,

**who has been approaching from all eternity,  
comes into life continually  
with compassion, redemption, and hope. Amen.**

DUET

*Be Ye Sure that the Lord is God  
from Utrecht Jubilate*

G. F. Handel  
Amy Cuomo,  
Ron Berry, soloists

Be ye sure that the Lord is God: it is God that has made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Revelation 19:1, 4-8

Leader: After this I heard what seemed to be a loud voice  
of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

**People: 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God!'**

Leader: And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures  
fell down and worshipped God who is seated on the throne, saying,

**People: 'Amen. Hallelujah!'**

Leader: And from the throne came a voice saying,

**People: 'Praise our God, all you servants,  
and all who fear the Lord, both great and small.'**

Leader: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,  
like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

**People: 'Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory,

**People: for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;**

Leader: to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

**People: for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Horton

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. <sup>15</sup> We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup> Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #723

*Shall We Gather at the River*

***Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?***

**Refrain: *Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

***On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)***

***Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)***

***Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)***

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 #2224

*Make Us One*

***Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

arr. S. Lloyd  
Cathedral Ringers,  
Kelley & Jeff Warbinton, directors

\*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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup> But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of

darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*St. Paul's Greatest Hits No.6: Hope Tenaciously*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #733

*Marching to Zion*

***Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.***

***Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.***

***Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)***

***The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)***

***Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)***

\*THE BLESSING

Leader: Do not quench the Spirit.

**People: We will hold fast to what is good and we will reject every kind of evil.**

Leader: Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all.

**People: We will seek to do good to one another and to all.**

Leader: May the God of peace

confirm you, consecrate you, and complete you through and through,  
and may your body, mind, and soul be fulfilled at the coming our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The One who calls you is faithful.

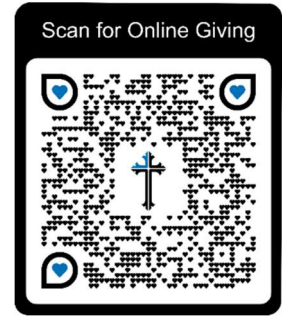
**People: Glory to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. P. Moore

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### Upcoming Events:

Young Adult Dinner, October 22, 7:00pm  
Garage Food Hall

Translation and Interpretation: How Did We Get the Bible?  
Dr. Marti Steussy, retired biblical scholar  
October 23, 5:30pm

Please RSVP today by emailing [events@northchurchindy.com](mailto:events@northchurchindy.com)

Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00pm

Charge Conference, November 3, 5:00pm  
Speedway UMC; 5065 West 16th Street

Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy Bible Study  
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm

### This week's worship leaders:

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Brandon Wallace  
*Minister of Christian Education*

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