



October 27, 2024 – Livestream
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Justice and Advocacy Team's DCS Forum

Julie Berry

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Waltz

E. Grieg
North's Winds
John Hague, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From east and west, north and south

People: the Spirit gathers us in the name of Jesus.

Leader: Young and old, rich and poor,

People: the Spirit unites us in the work of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN #548

In Christ There Is No East or West

***In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

***In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.***

***In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.***

***In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.***

CAROLERS' ANTHEM (11:00)

This Train

James Caraher, piano
Denise Page Caraher, director

This train is bound for glory 'cause we tell the Good News story,
This train is bound for glory, this train.

Get on board, Get on board, Get on board this gospel train.

This train is full of singers, smiling faces, message bringers,
This train is full of singers, this train. (*chorus*)

This train is bound for heaven, usually we sing at eleven,
This train is bound for heaven, this train. (*chorus*)

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and peace,
your Spirit has freed us from sin
and liberated us to be
a people of mercy and an assembly of joy.
May our partnership in Christ overcome all barriers
and our fellowship in the Spirit overwhelm all divisions
with your never-ending love. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino
sung in Latin
Psalm 96: 1-3

H.L. Hasler

*Cantate Domino canticum novum cantate Domino omnis terra.
O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth.
Cantate Domino benedicite nomini ejus annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name: proclaim his salvation from day to day.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.
Proclaim his glory to the nations and his wonders to all peoples.*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Isaiah 61:1-4

Leader: The Spirit of the Sovereign God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me.

**People: God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,**

Leader: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vindication of our God,

**People: to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—**

Leader: to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

**People: They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display God's glory.**

Leader: They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;

**People: they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Cooper

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 3:23-28

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our guardian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no

longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #560

Help Us Accept Each Other

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.***

***Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.***

***Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!***

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.***

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Harvesting Hope

Doshia Stewart

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

*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

Philemon 1-16

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

St. Paul's Greatest Hits No. 7: Embrace Daringly

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #533

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!

We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all be free someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, Lord will see us through someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe the Lord will see us through someday!

***THE BLESSING**

Leader: May the sharing of your faith become effective.

May the hearts of all the saints be refreshed.

People: May all find a welcome place among us.

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit this day and all days.

People: Amen.

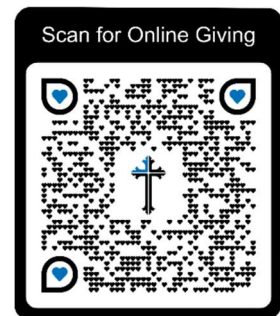
POSTLUDE

In Christ, there is no East or West

arr. M. Corl

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dorothy Esterline and Janet Esterline Yosha from their family.*

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Upcoming Events:

Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00pm

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

UWF Sunday Supper, November 3

Hamilton Series, November 10
Luncheon and lecture following second service
RSVP at events@northchurchindy.com by November 1

Election Prayer Service, November 7, 6:00pm Chapel

DCS Forum, November 11 at 6:30pm

Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast, November 15, 5:00pm
A family event and will be a night of games and food

LGBTQ+ Fellowship, November 19, 6:00pm
at The Garage Food Hall (906 Carrollton Ave)

**This week's worship
leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor

Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education

Cindy Cooper
Liturgist

Allen McCormack
& James Horton

Audio Visual
Heather Hinton
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