



October 6, 2024 – Livestream
World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

PRELUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

arr. R. Powell

*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 #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

***I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.***

***I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.***

***I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.***

***Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.***

***There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6, 13-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord!

R. Clausen

Diane Stebbe, soloist

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, Alleluia.

Praise the Lord with joyful song, sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,

Alleluia, praise Him! Praise the Lord with joyful song, Alleluia.

Unto Thee, O Lord, have I made supplication, and cried unto the rock of my

salvation: but Thou hast heard my voice and renewed my weary spirit.
Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation,
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation. Alleluia.
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, Alleluia!
Alleluia, praise Him! Praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:22-6:10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

St. Paul's Greatest Hits No. 4: Serve Freely

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #432

Jesu, Jesu

v. 1-4

**Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu,*
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
*the neighbors we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,*
*Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)***

***Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,*
*neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)***

***These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;*
*all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)***

***Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,*
*this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

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Leader: Jesus, who emptied himself of all but love,
calls us to empty ourselves of sin
and be filled with the meal of grace:

**People: God of loyal love, we confess
that we have failed to be an obedient church:
We have not been patient or kind;
we have been arrogant and rude.
We have rejoiced in wrongdoing;
we have rejected the truth.
Repair our faith;
renew our hope,
and restore our love
for you and one another,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Leader: God's love never ends.
The pure unbounded love of God in Jesus Christ
has set us free to live and love anew.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

H. Willan
Voices in Accord

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine;
Hail true body born of the Virgin Mary; truly has suffered, was sacrificed on a cross for man.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. Amen.
Whose side was pierced water and blood flowed, be for us a foretaste of death's trial. Amen.*

*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

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 #2278

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

#2237

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

***As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.***

***We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.***

***As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.***

#2176

Make Me a Servant

***Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.***

#2175

Together We Serve

v. 1-2

***Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.***

***We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2175

Together We Serve

v. 3-4

***We welcome the scarred, the wealth, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.***

***Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.***

*THE BLESSING

Leader: Stand firm and do not submit to a yoke of slavery.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Leader: Wait for the hope of righteousness.

People: For hope we wait.

Leader: Bear the fruit of the Spirit.

People: We will live by the Spirit.

Leader: May the Spirit of God clothe you in the life of Christ;
may the Spirit unite you in the love of Christ;
and may the Spirit guide you in the way of Christ,
this day and all days.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

arr. E. Childs

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration and memory of Joan and Ralph Lafuze's wedding anniversary on World Communion Sunday and in memory of Dorothy and Jim Esterline's wedding anniversary October 2nd. Given by the family in memory of Ralph, Dorothy and Jim and to honor Joan and their marriages.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Festival with hymn sing and chili cook-off
Today, 5:30-7:30pm

Sophia Sunday School Class new study, "Thrive" by Jennifer Cowart

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

Blessing of the Animals
October 13, 5:00pm

LGBTQ+ Dinner
October 15, 6:00pm

Youth Fall Retreat
October 18-20

Trunk or Treat
October 27, 4:00pm

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education
John Hague, Allen McCormack
& James Horton
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
Heather Hinton
Organist

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