

November 3, 2024 – Livestream All Saints' Sunday

GATHERING

Words of Welcome Brandon Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE When the Saints Go Marching In arr. R. G. te Velde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God

People: who is, and was, and is to come. Amen.

Leader: And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,

People: the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen. Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus be with all the saints

People: forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #545

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

- ⁷ And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- ⁸ God will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the people's disgrace will be taken away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for God, who will save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in the Lord's salvation.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Whisper C. Courtney

In the desert, in the wilderness of life, I am searching for the One who searches me.

As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone, I hear God's call; I hear the whisper of my name.

"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand. Come to the table.

Your name is hidden in My heart. Come to the table and live."

At the table, He prepares for me a place. He redeems me, I am pardoned by His grace. He restores me with His rich and lavish love. In His call, I hear the whisper of my name.

"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand. Come to the table.

Your name is hidden in My heart. Come to the table and live."

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:39-12:2

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Of Weeping Men and Smiling Women

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #702

SERMON

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.

Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!

Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Prayer for the World Brandon Wallace

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Leader: Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace

with servants among us and saints above us,

united in the joy of Christ our Hope:

People: Merciful God, we have failed to live in your hope.

You call us to speak truth, but we have remained silent. You call us to do justice, but we have done nothing. You call us to heal, but we have hurt one another. You call us to embrace, but we have judged one another.

Forgive us, we pray, for failing to follow the example

of the faithful who have gone before us.

Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: The saving is true for all generations:

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

This proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY Harvesting Hope Perry Kea

OFFERTORY PRAYER Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sing Me to Heaven D. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets' gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices,

and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

^{*}SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

*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

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. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed

by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints,

especially those whom we name before you:

Waldine Anderson

Bob Glass

Shirley Marshall

John Drake

Ruth Meyer

Carol Madison

Adell Carlton

Ray Heilman

Arthur Wilson

Jim Miller

Evelyn Owen

....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.

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 ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from Requiem J. Rutter sung in Latin Diane Stebbe, soloist

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine. Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest, rest eternal grant them, Lord. Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem dona eis, Domine. Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest, everlasting rest grant them, Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN #700

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

PRAYER

^{*}THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

^{*}BREAKING THE BREAD

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace. In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation arr. R. Hobby

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Upcoming Events:

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

UWF Sunday Supper, November 3

Hamilton Series, November 10 Luncheon and lecture following second service

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

Department of Child Services 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

John Hague, Allen McCormack

& James Horton

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Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Heather Hinton

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