



February 16, 2025 – Livestream
Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

arr. E.M. Porter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praise to God whose power and love sustain us.

People: To God all praise and glory!

Leader: Sing praise to God our Mother who gently leads us.

People: To God all praise and glory!

Leader: Let all people sing praise and glory to the God of our salvation!

*OPENING HYMN #126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.***

***The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.***

***Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.***

***Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11:00)

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. H. Sorenson

Jim Caraher, piano; Denise Page Caraher, Rosie Jordan, directors

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty. Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee; You were and are and evermore shall be.

Holy! God, the Mother. Holy! God, the Father, Creator. Holy! Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Holy! Jesus, Our Redeemer and Savior. Holy! Holy Ghost, Spirit of God.

OPENING PRAYER #489

For God's Gifts

SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus!

arr. H. Johnson

Chad Barton, soloist

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,

Jesus Christ, the first an' las' no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like Him.

The river Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,

Jesus Christ, the first an' las', Oh! King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, Oh!

He calls the saints from everywhere, Ah!

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.

He is the King, He is the Lord, Ah!

Jesus Christ, the first an' las' no man works like Him! Ride on, Jesus!

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #834

Psalm 113

w/ musical response

Musical Response:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, for God has visited and redeemed us.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and for evermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Leader: The Lord is high above all nations,
God's glory above the heavens!

**People: Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
upon the heavens and the earth?**

Leader: God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of God's people.

**People: God gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.**

Praise the Lord!

[Musical Response]

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-2, 30-40

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet 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 fulfilled.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #464

I Will Trust in the Lord

v.1-3

***I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die;
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.***

Sister, will you trust...till you die

Brother, will you trust ...till you die

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

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 #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.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. J. Ness Beck

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of the glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*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

Joshua 2:1-15; 6:24-25

^{2:1}Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. ²The king of Jericho was told, 'Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.' ³Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.' ⁴But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from.' ⁵And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.' ⁶She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men: 'I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that those who rule this land melt in fear before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. ¹²Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith ¹³that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.' ¹⁴The men said to her, 'Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.' ¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself.

6:24 They burned down the city, and everything in it; only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. 25 But Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, Joshua spared. Her family has lived in Israel ever since. For she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Say Her Name Sermon Series #3: Rahab

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #536

Precious Name

***Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.***

***Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.***

***Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. [Refrain]***

***O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
when his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ! [Refrain]***

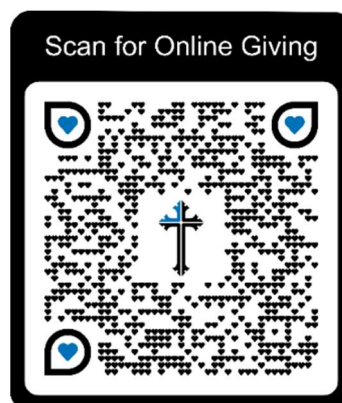
***At the name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at his feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him, when our journey is complete. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

arr. E.L. Dieme



The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Karen Kay Ball Leonard in the week of her birthday (February 18) and in celebration of Christine, Annette, Bec, Euphrasie, and Faustin as well as in memory of James by Jack Leonard and Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard.

Upcoming Events:

Today, UWF Supper, 12:00 noon

February 18, LGBTQ+ Dinner, 6:00pm, Garage Food Hall

February 25, Young Adult Dinner, 7:00pm, Garage Food Hall

February 28 – March 2, Youth Lenten Retreat, Teeter Farms

March 5, Mardi Gras, 5:30 – 7:00pm

March 8, Children's Lenten Retreat

**This week's worship
leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor

Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education

Bill Beranek
Liturgist

James Horton &
John Hague

Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon
Music Director

Heather Hinton
Organist

Thank you to our new pledgers. Please don't wait any longer to join them. Check the list and if your annual pledge is missing, contact Nancy Ricketts: nricketts@northchurchindy.com.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the 2025 Harvesting Hope campaign as of February 11!

