



March 2, 2025 – Livestream
Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

RECOGNITION OF REV. JOAN BARCLAY

PRELUDE

Prelude on Hyfrydol

J. Honoré

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ bids us to come and receive the assurance of faith.

People: We wait for the hope. We long for the grace.

Leader: Christ bids us to come and worship the God of wonders.

*OPENING HYMN #2103

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

***We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.***

***Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.***

***Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.***

***Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.***

***But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.***

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR OF COMMUNITY FORMATION

Jill Moffett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

¹²Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. ¹⁴But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. ¹⁵Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Let the People Praise Thee

W. Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad:

for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,

and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:

and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad.

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:43-48

⁴³ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhages stopped. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Named and Claimed: The Restoring Power of God

Jill Moffett

HYMN #593

Here I Am, Lord

v. 1-2

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus invites to his table all who long for the healing and hope of God's grace.
With honest humility, let us cry out to God:

**People: Holy One, Merciful One, Strong One,
we confess that we have not seen ourselves
in the light of your love
but in the shadows of our sins.
We have closed our eyes to the sufferings of others
and been captivated by the passing glories of the world.
Lift our sights to your enduring glory
and guide our way into your everlasting grace
where we find forgiveness, healing, and freedom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus says to us what he told her,
'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'
In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer for Transfiguration Day

J. Weaver
Voices in Accord

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles.
In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son,
and told us to heed your teachings.
O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. 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

*BREAKING THE BREAD

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 HYMN #632

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.***

***As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.***

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #593

Here I Am, Lord

v. 3

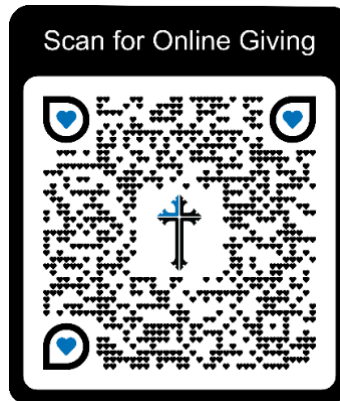
***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. R. Lind



Upcoming Events:

March 4, Mardi Gras, 5:30 – 7:00pm

March 5, Ash Wednesday Services, 7:30am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm

March 8, Children's Lenten Retreat

March 12, Hymn Sing, 5:30pm

March 22, Earth Hour Worship, 8:30pm in the Chapel

Beginning Week of March 9, Lenten Small Groups (see table in West Entrance to sign up)

April 4, Pacer Game, 7pm (\$27 per ticket)

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This week's worship leaders:

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