



April 6, 2025 – Livestream
Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

PRELUDE

The Call

R. Vaughan Williams/M. Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you searchers and strivers;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We long for the renewal of our faith.

Leader: Come, you dreamers and doubters;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We pray for the restoration of our hope.

Leader: Come, you who are lost and lonely;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We gather for the revival of our love.

Leader: This is the time, no more delay.
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come, and be Jesus' guests.

*OPENING HYMN #616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

***Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.***

***Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse;
your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.***

***Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;
O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.***

***See him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice;
his offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.***

***Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you;
come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.***

CHORISTERS' ANTHEM 11:00

Let Us Be Bread

T. Porter

Eric Applegate, piano; Rosie Jordan, director

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.*

I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.
You are my people if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. Refrain
See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.
As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 25:23-30

²³ "Make a table out of acacia wood, thirty-six inches long, eighteen inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. ²⁴ Cover it with pure gold, and put a gold strip around it. ²⁵ Make a frame three inches high that stands up all around the edge, and put a gold strip around it. ²⁶ Then make four gold rings. Attach them to the four corners of the table where the four legs are. ²⁷ Put the rings close to the frame around the top of the table, because they will hold the poles for carrying it. ²⁸ Make the poles out of acacia wood, cover them with gold, and carry the table with these poles. ²⁹ Make the plates and bowls for the table, as well as the jars and cups, out of pure gold. They will be used for pouring out the drink offerings. ³⁰ On this table put the bread that shows you are in my presence so that it is always there in front of me.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. E. Nelson

Text may be found in *The Faith We Sing* #2212

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:14-21

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from the worship of idols. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: Are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply, then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peculiar People, Part 5: The Meal of the Lord

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #620

One Bread, One Body

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Refrain: *One bread, on body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.*

And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON #7

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jill Moffett

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua: Hosanna in excelsis.
 Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna in excelsis.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Jill Moffett

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 #895

*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 ANTHEM

At the Supper of the Lamb

arr. L. Dengler

In an upper room they gathered to recall a time gone by,
 when a lamb that bore no blemish gave its life to show God's mercy.
*At the supper of the Lamb, they sang praise to the Savior as they shared
 the bread of freedom, and they drank the cup of blessing, at the supper of the Lamb.*
 Jesus, spotless Lamb of God, knew the time was fast approaching
 when the plan would be accomplished that would show to all God's mercy. *Refrain*
 Jesus calls, throughout the ages, "Come to me, all who are hungry.
 Come and drink, all who are thirsty. Come to me, who long for mercy." *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#2265

Time Now to Gather

***Time now to gather, time now to feel
 Christ's holy presence gracing this meal.
 Grain from the harvest, fruit of the vine;
 simple the supper, sacred the sign.***

***Time to remember Christ who was sent.
 Time to say, 'Thank you' for all he meant.
 Come to this table. Come, without fear.
 God will forgive you, welcome you here.***

***All who are hungry, come, and be fed.
 Serve one another this cup and bread.
 All who are troubled, hurting, or sad,
 come, and find healing. Come, and be glad!***

#2268

As We Gather at Your Table

***As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
 help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
 teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.***

***Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
 send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.***

***Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #620

One Bread, One Body

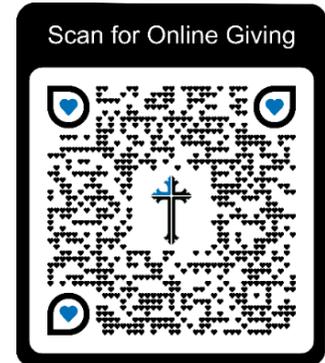
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**Refrain: *One bread, on body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
 And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. [Refrain]***

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of June Robbins
by Clay, Amy, Campbell, Luke and Peter Robbins*

Kenya Fabric Banner and Table Hanging

During a trip to Eldoret, Kenya visiting with North Church members Joe and Sarah Ellen Mamlin, this Kenyan designed fabric was purchased at the Imani Center. Those experiencing HIV/AIDS find employment at the Center. The pulpit hanging was sown at the Center and fabric was brought home and made into stoles for the pastors of North.



Upcoming Events:

April 6, Children’s Earth Day Fun Day Mission

April 6 & 13, Pre-order ferns and hanging flower baskets in the West Entry (a fundraiser to benefit the North Church Sacred Places Challenge)

April 9, Prayer Workshop with Pastor Joel Everson,
5:30-7:00pm in the Club Room

April 13, Youth Egg-stravaganza! (grades 6-12), 12:30-3:00pm

April 15, LGBTQ+ dinner, 6:00 pm

April 26, Community Clean Up Day, 10:00am-1:00pm

April 27, Earth Day and “State of the State’s Environment”
during Sunday School hour

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Parade, April 13, 10:30am, West Entrance

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 18, 12 noon and 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Services, April 20, 8:30am and 11:00am

This week’s worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

Minister of Christian Education

John Hague & James Horton

Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Heather Hinton

Organist

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