



June 29, 2025 – Livestream  
Third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. D. Cherwien

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to heed the call

**People: and bear witness to God's name.**

Leader: This is the place to share Christ's love

**People: and become the vessels of God's Redeeming Word.**

\*OPENING HYMN #600

*Wonderful Words of Life*

***Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.***

***Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.***

***Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]***

***Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God,  
speak to each of us the word that we need to hear,  
and let that word sit with us  
until it has worked your holy will in us.  
Clean up, stir up, and lift up our hearts;  
direct and deepen our faith;  
and through our worship  
enable us to see you more clearly,**

**to love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Enter His Gates with Songs of Thanksgiving*

R. Clatterbuck  
Summer Choir

*Enter his gates with songs of thanksgiving; enter his courts with tributes of praise.  
Give to God blessing and honor; he is our maker, the Ancient of Days.*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people;  
make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve God with gladness, come before God with singing.  
Know he is God, our Creator is he. *Refrain*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people;  
make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
We are his people and the sheep of his pastures,  
it is he who has made us, and not ourselves. *Refrain*

Alleluia! Give to God glory and praise!

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION #886

Leader: We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**People: We believe ;  
God, help our unbelief.**

Leader: We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**People: Glory be to God on high;  
and on earth, be peace .**

Leader: We confess our sin, individual and collective,  
by silence or action:  
through the violation of human dignity  
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people  
because of greed and indifference  
through the misuse of power  
in personal, communal, national, and international life;  
through the search for security  
by those military and economic forces  
that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology  
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**People: Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy .**

Leader: We commit ourselves individually and as a community  
to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross;  
to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
praying that God's kingdom may come.

**People: The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen .**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #601

*Thy Word is a Lamp*

**Refrain: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

***When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]***

***Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. [Refrain]***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Haven Emery

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2157

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.***

***You alone, O Lord, are holy.***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jill Moffett

OFFERTORY SOLO

*You Set Me Free*

J. Lindsey

Mark Gilgallon, soloist

There've been times in my life You've opened doors. They weren't what I was hoping for,  
so I walked right by them; I didn't even try them.

There've been dreams I forgot and dreams I let die; unnoticed sunsets in front of my eyes.

I just couldn't see them; I thought I didn't need them.

*Sure, there are things I'd do different, and yet grace gives me days where I simply forget.*

*'Cause You set me free to run through fields of laughter, and sing as though I have no yesterdays.*

*You set me free from my befores and afters, from a debt I know I'll never pay when you set me free.*

There've been chances to love that I've ignored, and mercies I found I couldn't afford.  
I'm sure I would have shown them if I would have known then  
how we all play a part in each other's lives, and there's more to the game than winning the prize.  
So much I want to try now, I feel like I could fly now. *Refrain*

Holy One, you love me ever so patiently. You give me wings to fly when you set me free.  
To fly, to soar to places I've not been before.  
The boundaries of humanity cannot contain what You set free. *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

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? <sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, <sup>3</sup> and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are human hearts. <sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are qualified of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our qualification is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us qualified to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Bible Gun or Spirit Letter?*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2246

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

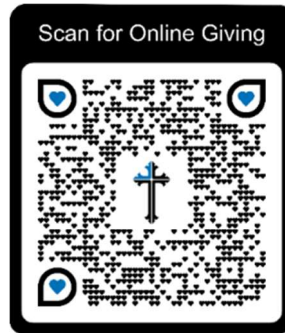
***Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,  
some nomads traveled with their God across the desert sands.  
The dawning hope of humankind by them was sensed and shown;  
a promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.***

***While others bowed to changeless gods they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";  
and by their tents, around their fires, in story, song and law,  
they praised, remembered, handed on a past that promised more.***

***From Exodus to Pentecost the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past, recorded what they knew,  
or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise  
recovered, kindled and expressed new hope for changing days.***

***For all the writings that survived, for leaders, long ago,  
who sifted, copied, and preserved the Bible that we know,  
give thanks, and find its story yet our promise, strength and call,  
the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING



*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Rick and Melody Kissling's 55th wedding anniversary on June 28th.*

### Upcoming Events:

June 29 – August 31, Summer Choir, 10:15am, Chapel

July 9, 16, 23, 30 (Wednesdays), 5:30-7:30pm

Becoming a Storyteller: Study of Jesus' Parables, led by Haven Emery  
Panera (6055 N. Keystone) RSVP [intern@northchurchindy.com](mailto:intern@northchurchindy.com)

Farmer's Market Season

July 10, 24, August 7, 21, September 4, 4:00-6:00pm

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### Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Jill Moffett

*Pastor of Community Formation*

Brandon Wallace

*Minister of Christian Education*

Haven Emery

*Pastoral Intern*

John Hague

Eric Russell

*Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon

*Director of Music*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCE GUIDE

### WHAT TO READ WHEN:

The Future Seems Hopeless—I Peter 1:3-9  
Seeking God's Direction—Romans 12:1-3  
You Need Comfort—II Corinthians 1:3-7; Isaiah 51:3; Isaiah 66:13; John 14:1  
You Need Assurance of Salvation—I John 5:9-13; Romans 10:8-10  
Your Faith Needs Strengthening—Philippians 4:10-13  
You are Challenged by Troubles—Romans 8:28-39  
You are worried—I Peter 5:7  
You Need to Leave the Past Behind—Philippians 3:12-14  
You Need Freedom from Sin—Romans 6:1-23  
You Struggle to Pray—Romans 8:26-27  
You Need Direction—Psalm 37:3-5  
You Need Hope—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Colossians 1:3-5; Titus 3:6-7  
You Need Peace—Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Philippians 4:7

### GOD'S PROMISES WHEN YOU:

Feel Guilty—I John 1:9; Psalm 103:8-12	Feel Weary—Matthew 11:28-30
Are Discouraged—John 16:22-24	Are Disappointed—John 15:7
Are Anxious—Matthew 6:25	Are Sick—James 5:14-15
Are Confused—John 14:27	Are Tested—I Corinthians 10:13
Are Weak—II Corinthians 12:9-10	Are Afraid—II Timothy 1:7; John 16:33
Suffer—I Peter 2:20-21	Doubt—Hebrews 10:22; Romans 8:1

### FINDING FAITH THROUGH:

#### SURRENDER:

Psalm 37:7; Psalm 62: 1; Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 5:6-7

#### ADORATION:

Psalm 96:1; Psalm 103:1; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 4:17; Hebrews 13:15

#### SUFFERING:

Lamentations 3:19-24; Matthew 11:28; Romans 8:26; 1 Peter 3:14

#### PERSEVERANCE:

Isaiah 43:2; Galatians 6:9; Philippians 3:12; Hebrews 2:18; James 1:2-4;

#### COMMITMENT:

Leviticus 20:7-8; Psalm 56:12; Mark 8:34-37; Philippians 3:8