

June 8, 2025 – Livestream Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS Haven Emery

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Prelude Cantad al Señor

K. McChesney Youth Handbell Ensemble Ben Williams, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Light divine, descend upon your church and show us the way.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come and fill us with your love.

Leader: O Fire divine, descend upon your church and rekindle our faith.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come and fill us with your joy.

Leader: O Wind divine, descend upon your church and renew our lives.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come and fill us with your power.

*OPENING HYMN #539

O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting love, send your Spirit to all who long for you, to break down the barriers of fear and to build up a people of peace, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Build on a Rock

J. Pearson Hafso/M. Hafso One Voice; Dr. Dan Blosser, director

Build on a Rock! Oh! Build on a Rock!
Build on the cornerstone, come build on a Rock!
Build on a Rock! Build on Jesus and the Word.

Christ the Lord has called us to leave our earth-bound sights. To feast on mountain meadows, to share the awesome heights. To be bold in our vision as we look for ways to grow.

Unto the hills we lift our eyes to see where we can go. Refrain

Now we come together to share and celebrate
The majesty and beauty of all that God has made.
Working as one body our mission to renew.

Lord, bring us to the mountaintop to share a new world view! Refrain

*Canticle of Praise Psalm 104:24-35 Brandon Wallace

Leader: Our Lord, by your wisdom you made so many things; People: the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.

But what about the ocean so big and wide? It is alive with creatures, large and small.

Leader: And there are the ships, as well as Leviathan, the monster you created to splash in the sea.

People: All of these depend on you to provide them with food, and you feed each one with your own hand, until they are full.

Leader: But when you turn away, they are terrified; when you end their life, they die and rot.

People: You created all of them by your Spirit, and you give new life to the earth.

Leader: Our Lord, we pray that your glory will last forever and that you will be pleased with what you have done.

People: You look at the earth, and it trembles.

You touch the mountains, and smoke goes up.

Leader: As long as I live, I will sing and praise you, the Lord God.

People: I hope my thoughts will please you,

because you are the one who makes me glad.

Leader: Destroy all wicked sinners from the earth once and for all.

People: With all my heart I praise you, Lord! I praise you!

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Justice and Advocacy Team

HYMN OF PRAYER #475

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE JIII Moffett

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 Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY I'm Goin' Up Yonder

W.Hawking/M.Sirvatka
One Voice; Dr. Dan Blosser, director

If anybody asks you where I'm goin', where I'm goin' soon, So if you wanna know where I'm goin', where I'm goin' real soon, I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord.

If I can take the pain, the heartache that it brings, there's comfort that in knowing I'll soon be home. If God gives me grace, I'll run this race, and soon I'll see my Savior face to face. I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord.

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 Acts 2:1-6

¹On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. ⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Storm Outside, The Fire Within

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2117

Spirit of God

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things. For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far-off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace. No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]

^{*}THE CHARGE AND BLESSING



This morning, we welcome the vocal and bell choirs from Christ Church United Methodist in Louisville, Kentucky.

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Vic and Katie Smith's 56th wedding anniversary on June 14th. (Married in 1969)

Upcoming Events:

June 8, Talking Guns video, 9:45am, Game Room

June 10, Youth King's Island

June 14-15, Indy Pride Parade and Festival

June 15, Summer Choir begins, 10:15am

Forums on Land Development: June 15, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

June 18, 7pm Zoom (for link contact: events@northchurchindy.com)

June 17: LGBTQ+ Fellowship

June 17-20, Youth Summer Mission Mania

Farmer's Market Season July 10, 24, August 7, 21, September 4, 4:00-6:00pm

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
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