



July 20, 2025 – Livestream
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haven Emery

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Spirituoso
from *Fantasia No. 6 in D minor*

G.P. Telemann
Emily Justice, flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To every tired body, Christ gives strength.

People: Lord Jesus, my Savior, my Teacher, my Friend.

Leader: To every weary soul, Christ gives hope.

People: Lord Jesus, my Savior, my Teacher, my Friend.

Leader: To every troubled mind, Christ gives peace.

People: Lord Jesus, my Savior, my Teacher, my Friend.

Leader: To every hungry heart, Christ gives joy.

People: Lord Jesus, my Savior, my Teacher, my Friend.

*OPENING HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)***

OPENING PRAYER

**O God our Refuge,
who always give us more than we desire or deserve,
lead us into your rest.
Protect us from discouragement and despair,
and provide us with the strength to persevere
in the way of Jesus Christ, our life and our hope. Amen.**

Rejoice with the rejoicing, and weep with those who mourn.
Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn.
Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in.
Serve each other faithfully until I come again.

*Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served. Give as I have given. Be my church.
Be my hands and body moving in the world. Live your life in blessing. Be my church.*

The outcast, the beloved; the powerful, the weak;
the ones caught up in battle and those who sleep in peace;
the thriving and the struggling; the greatest to the least;
my child, they are my children, so love each one of these. *Refrain*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 15

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Who can live in your tent, Lord?

Who can dwell on your holy mountain?

**People: The person who lives free of blame, does what is right,
and speaks the truth sincerely;**

Leader: who does no damage with their talk,

does no harm to a friend, does not insult a neighbor;

**People: someone who despises those who act wickedly,
but who honors those who honor the Lord;**

Leader: someone who does not lend money with interest,

who will not accept a bribe against any innocent person.

People: Whoever does these things will never stumble.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ed Adams

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:15-22

¹⁵ Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,

things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his
fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,

find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:

Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see

all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

***Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.***

***In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

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

Blessed Assurance

arr. B. C. Dockery
Emily Justice, flute

*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!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bless This Mess

Jill Moffett

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,

nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

*O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.*

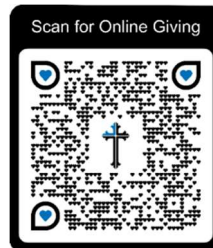
*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.*

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Recessional

M. Corl



Upcoming Events:

Summer Choir, July 20 – August 31, 10:15am, Chapel

Becoming a Storyteller: Study of Jesus' Parables, led by Haven Emery

Tuesday Nights (5:30-7:30) (Still space)

Location: 6055 N Keystone Ave

Wednesday Nights (5:30-7:30) (Full)

Location: Panera 9235 N Michigan Rd Suite A

RSVP intern@northchurchindy.com

Farmer's Market Season

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

MLK Tour, July 29th, 1:00-3:00pm

Reception and Conversation with Rev. Kennedy Mwita,
pastor of the first RMN church in Kenya,

August 1, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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