

July 27, 2025 – Livestream Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Announcements Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE I'll Praise My Maker arr. A. L. Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Children of Dust, tell of God's might:

People: Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days! Leader: O Children of the Divine, sing of God's praise: People: Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

*OPENING HYMN #73

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's pow'r and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, and sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and truly worship you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World from The Crucifixion

J. Stainer Summer Choir

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

*Canticle of Praise Psalm 100 Haven Emery

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord who made us is God.

People: We are the Lord's own.

We are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving

and God's courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to the Lord and praise God's name!

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever;

the Lord's faithfulness continues to all generations.

Prayer for Illumination Kathleen Custer

First Lesson Isaiah 1:11-17

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls

or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

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14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;

I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; 17 learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2018

Honor and Praise

Righteous and holy in all of Your ways; we come before You with honor and praise. Here to adore You for all of our days, we come before You with honor and praise Lord of the heavens, how faithful You are. Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star. Righteous and holy in all of Your ways; We come before You with honor and praise.

Filling the temple, the work of Your grace; we come before You with honor and praise. Here to adore You for all of our days, we come before You with honor and praise. Lord of the heavens, how faithful You are. Rise in our spirits, O bright Morning Star. Righteous and holy in all of Your ways; We come before You with honor and praise.

Jill Moffett PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY DUET

Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God

arr. O. Young

Diane Stebbe, soprano; Chad Barton, tenor

Now sing we joyfully unto God! We sing! So joyfully unto God! Now sing we happily. Happily unto God! We sing to God! Now sing we joyfully unto God! We sing! So joyfully unto God! *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!

*GOSPEL LESSON John 4:19-26

¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I Am. The one who is speaking to you."

SERMON 2D Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2011

We Sing of Your Glory

We sing of your glory, we praise you again, for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of your power and honor again, for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of surrender to you, God, again. Your power is eternal. Amen. Amen.

"Glory in the highest, on earth," sing again. Glory, alleluia. Amen. Amen.

*THE BLESSING

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! arr. J. Spong

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Joan Lafuze's 88th birthday on July 31st, as well as in memory of Ralph Lafuze who would have turned 93 on the same day.



Upcoming Events:

Summer Choir, July 27 – 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 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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