



August 10, 2025 – Livestream
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Tendrement

Becky Archibald, composer/pianist

*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 #2130

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

*Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

*Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

*Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

*Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

*In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Strong and Faithful God,
the only gift you desire from us is our service that honors you.
Grant us the ability and the opportunity
to give you our faithful service in this life,
so that we will be ready to receive the promise of eternal life,
through the gift of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Honor & Glory, Power & Praise

K. Wilkerson
Summer Choir

Come, all ye people, lift up your praise to God our creator, the Ancient of Days,
clothed in all splendor, reigning on high; Lord we your people, lift up our cry!
Come, all ye people, come now and sing to Christ our Savior, Redeemer and King,
pure Lamb of glory, our living Way. Love's sweetest story, to you we say:
*Honor and glory, power and praise, Lord God Almighty, to thee we raise.
We will proclaim it all of our days: Honor and glory, power and praise.*

Come, all ye people, come and rejoice; God's Holy Spirit now dwells in us,
pointing to Jesus, wonderful friend, guiding our hearts to life without end. *Refrain*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and
sea. *Refrain*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Delight in praise, O you upright!

**People: Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings!**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People: For the word of the Lord is upright,
whose work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**People: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.**

Leader: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle
and put the deeps in storehouses.

**People: Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!**

Leader: For the Lord spoke, and it came to be;
the Lord commanded, and it stood firm.

**People: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing
and frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

Leader: The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

**People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom the Lord has chosen as a heritage.**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven
and sees all peoples;

**People: the Lord sits enthroned and looks forth
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
fashioning the hearts of them all
and observing all their deeds.**

Leader: A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**People: The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and despite its great might it cannot save.**

Leader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who are faithful
and hope for God's steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.

**People: Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and shield.**

Leader: Our heart is glad in the Lord,
because we trust in God's holy name.

**People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Renell Riley

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great." ²But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." ³He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir." ⁴The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." ⁵Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." ⁶Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #593

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]***

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Mourning Tango

Becky Archibald, composer/pianist

*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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Leap of Faith

Jill Moffett

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2196

We Walk By Faith

***We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.***

***We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"***

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:***

***That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, in full and endless sight.***

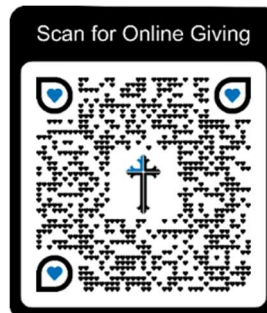
***We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.***

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God (Hymn 181)

J. Hanson



Upcoming Events:

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

Youth Canoe/Kayak Trip

August 16, 10:00am

White River Canoe Co., Noblesville, IN

Farmer's Market Season

August 21, September 4, 4:00-6:00pm

Family Fishing Day

August 23, 10:00am - Noon

Eagle Creek State Park / Lilly Lake



Children's Movie Night Under the Big Tent

September 6, 6:30pm-9:00pm

Parking Lot

Worship Without Walls

September 7, 11:00am (One Service Only)

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

Minister of Christian Education

John Hague

Allen McCormack

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Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon

Director of Music

Kathleen Custer

Guest Organist