



April 12, 2026 - Livestream
Second Sunday of Eastertide

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

arr. D. Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you, for Christ has risen. Alleluia!

People: Praise Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

Leader: Grace and peace to us, for the risen Christ claims us. Alleluia!

People: Praise Jesus Christ, the first born of the dead.

Leader: Grace and peace to all, for the risen Christ will set us free. Alleluia!

People: Praise Jesus Christ, the ruler of the powers of the world.

*OPENING HYMN #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choic'es; heav'nly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over ev'ry foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,

may we, who have not seen, have faith in you

and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
 The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:
 Before the throne, my surety stands. My name is written on his hands.
 Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary.
 They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
 "Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."
 My God is reconciled, his voice I hear, he owns his child, I can no longer fear;
 With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Abba Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #748

Psalm 16:5-11

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
 you hold my lot.

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
 I have a glorious heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
 even at night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me;
 the Lord is at my right hand;
 I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
 my body also dwells secure.

**People: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
 or let thy godly one see the pit.**

Leader: You show me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Porter

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By this great mercy we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵And through your faith, you are being protected by God's power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

⁶So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #331

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

***Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;
 we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.***

***Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as advocate to plead;
 loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.***

***Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come your self to make us live;
holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.***

***Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.***

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Lydia Shaw

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we pray for the world: Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for peace around the world:

**People: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,
guide the nations of the world from conflict to cooperation,
and inspire the leaders of government and industry to turn swords into plowshares,
so that every person will be protected and every community will flourish. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2043

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hallelujah

D. Forrest

*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

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas

answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

War Wounds and Scars

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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

arr. M. Helman

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in loving memory of June Robbins by Clay, Amy, Campbell, Luke and Peter Robbins*

Upcoming Events:

UWF Sunday Supper, Today, noon, Fellowship Hall

Youth Egg-stra Late Egg-stravaganza, Today, 12:30 – 3:00pm

Earth Day Sunday, April 26

Sound Bath Meditation, April 26, 6pm, Chapel

Wednesday Night Bible Studies, 6:30pm:

Bible Basics, April 15-May 6

Confederacy of the Covenant: A Study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth,
April 8-May 13

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

Audio Visual

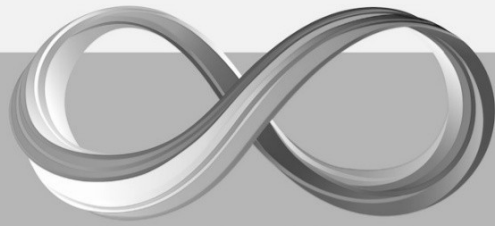
Kathleen Hacker

Interim Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Let's Talk Neurodiversity and Faith

Keynote Speaker Daniel Bowman, Jr.

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

Special Performance by Jubilate of the Indianapolis Children's Choir
At North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis
RSVP to Events@NorthChurchIndy.com by April 10 for Free Lunch

Celebrate Denise Caraher

May 10 @ Noon
Fellowship Hall

*Honoring Denise for more than 40 years of
Children's Music Ministry at North*



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