



October 4, 2026 – Livestream
Relentless Grace Series
World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Moffett

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP 2027

Freely Given. Faithfully Shared

PRELUDE

God of Mercy, God of Grace

arr. T. H. Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Wallace

Leader: From north and south, east and west, we gather at the Lord's table.

People: For we have been buried with Christ through baptism.

Leader: From across the street to around the globe, we gather at the Lord's table.

People: For we have been raised with Christ to new life. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!***

***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.***

***Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.***

***He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.***

***He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.***

***In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.***

CHORISTERS ANTHEM (11:00)

This Cup of Grace

M. Patterson

Rosie Jordan, director; Dan Peo, piano

This cup of grace, poured out for you, is filled with love beyond all measure.

So drink this day and be renewed; this cup of grace, the love of Christ poured out for you.

This cup of grace is freely given from God above, through Christ our Savior,

that all who come may be renewed; this cup of grace, the love of Christ poured out for you.

Come all who seek forgiveness; God's mercy has no end.
Come all who thirst for righteousness.
Come and let the feast begin. Come eat this bread.
Come drink this wine. Come share the love of Jesus Christ.

This cup of grace, poured out for you, is filled with love beyond all measure.
So drink this day and be renewed; this cup of grace, the love of Christ poured out for you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 2:19-20

¹⁹The Law has no power over me. I am dead to the Law. Now I can live for God, ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, thou fount of every blessing
(lyrics hymn #400)

arr. M. Wilberg
Voices in Accord/Cathedral Singers

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-14

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Renewing Grace

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #388

O Come and Dwell in Me

***O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within,
and bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.***

***Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins consume,
when old things shall be done away, and all things new become.***

***I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right,
according to thy mind and word, well-pleasing in thy sight.***

***I ask no higher state; indulge me but in this,
and soon or later then translate to thine eternal bliss.***

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CREATION

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God and one another:
Almighty God, from the ends of the earth
you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

People: We come to the feast together.

Leader: Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

People: Renew us and make us one.

Leader: Forgive us for stifling your praise with our complaints.

People: Renew us and make us one.

Leader: Forgive us for silencing the songs of others with our arrogance.

People: Renew us and make us one.

Leader: Forgive us for our warring chants that destroy humanity.

People: Renew us and make us one.

Leader: Forgive us for our selfish ways that harm our fellow creatures.

People: Renew us and make us one.

Leader: Free us from every sin that divides your children.

**People: Free our tongues to offer you the sacrifice of praise
in union with Christ's offering for us. Amen.**

Leader: Through Christ we are forgiven and freed;
In Christ we are reconciled and renewed.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Total Praise

arr. D. Rao
Voices in Accord

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.
Your peace, you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the source of my life,
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

*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!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Jill Moffett

Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup....
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, nricketts@northchurchindy.com

COMMUNION HYMNS

#616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

v.1,3,5

***Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.***

***Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;
O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.***

***Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you;
come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.***

#389

Freely, Freely

***God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.***

***[Refrain] He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."***

***All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2166

Christ Beside Me

v.1-2

***Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me—King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me—never to part.***

***Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me—shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising—light of my life.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: We have been renewed by the feast of grace.

**People: We go forth to share the good news of Jesus Christ
for the redemption of humanity and the renewal of creation.**

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. D. Cherwien

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration and memory of Joan and Ralph Lafuze's wedding anniversary on World Communion Sunday and Dorothy and Jim Esterline's anniversary October 2nd.

Upcoming Events:

Perils of Data Centers to Be Discussed Today at 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry Scavenger Hunt, Today, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Animals, Today, 5pm, Courtyard

Revelation Uncovered: A Bible Study of the Book of Revelation
Wednesdays, October 7-28, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Conference Room
RSVP for ZOOM link to dcushwood@northchurchindy.com

Youth Fall Retreat, October 23-25



Today's worship leaders:

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