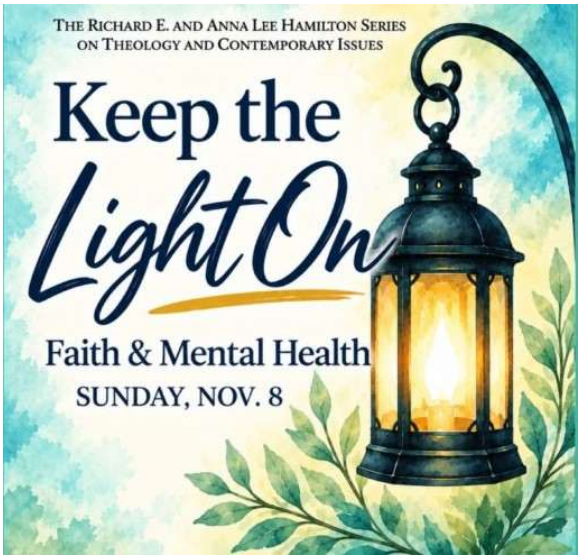
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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Darren Cushman Wood

UPDATE ON STEWARDSHIP — Peter Chen

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE — *Élégie* — J. Massenet
Kurt Fowler, cello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we pass through the waters
People: the Holy One will lift us up.
Leader: When we pass through the rivers
People: the Holy One will carry us over.
Leader: When we pass through the fires
People: the Holy One will see us through.

*OPENING HYMN #140 — *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: ***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, who knows us better than we know ourselves,
fill our hearts with the assurance of your grace
and fulfill our desires as may be best for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM *I Measure Every Grief I Meet* M. Kennedy

Voices in Accord/Cathedral Singers
Chad Barton, soloist; Kurt Fowler, cello

I measure every Grief I meet
With narrow, probing, Eyes—
I wonder if It weighs like Mine—
Or has an Easier size.

I wonder if when Years have piled—
Some Thousands—on the Harm—
That hurt them early—such a lapse
Could give them any Balm—

Refrain
There's Grief of Want—and Grief of Cold—
A sort they call "Despair"—
There's Banishment from native Eyes—
In sight of Native Air

I wonder if They bore it long—
Or did it just begin—
I could not tell the Date of Mine—
It feels so old a pain— *(Refrain)*

How long will you forget me, Lord?
How long will You hide Your face?

Look on me and answer, Lord.
Give light to my eyes or I will sleep in death.

I will sing the Lord's praise
for He has been good to me.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #746 Psalm 13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lydia Shaw, Missions and Outreach Chair

FIRST LESSON Habakkuk 3:17-19

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 Jill Moffett

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 ANTHEM *Do Not Be Afraid* P. W. J. Stopford
Voices in Accord/Cathedral Singers
Diane Stebbe, soloist

Refrain
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
You will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames. (Refrain)

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. (Refrain)
You are mine, O my child.

I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. (Refrain)

*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 Matthew 25:1-13.

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Sermon *Midnight Oil and the Empty Anxious Market* David Finnegan-Hosey

*Hymn of Dedication #474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Refrain: ***Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: **[Refrain]**

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: **[Refrain]**

*The Blessing

Postlude *Adoration* F. Price

Kurt Fowler, cello

The postlude, Adoration was composed by Florence Price (1887-1953)*, the first black woman to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra. In 2009 a large collection of manuscripts were discovered and Adoration was among those manuscripts.*

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The Rev. Richard and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues is a ministry outreach of North United Methodist Church. The series is in honor of Rev. Hamilton who was the senior pastor at North from 1973-1997 and his wife who was a voice instructor at Butler University. The goal of the series is to encourage dialogue and engagement at the intersection of theology and social issues and concerns. It is funded by the William E. Schmidt Foundation with additional support from the Blankenbaker-Noyes family.

Rev. David Finnegan-Hosey is the author of "Christ on the Psych Ward" and "Grace Is a Pre-Existing Condition: Faith, Systems, and Mental Healthcare." He is the minister of Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He holds a M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary. He is certified by Mental Health First Aid USA to provide help to people experiencing depression, anxiety, psychosis, and substance use disorders.

Composer Dr. Matthew Kennedy is a prominent figure in contemporary music. He holds degrees from The Hartt School (DMA), Butler University (MM), and Anderson University (BA).
He has received honors and commissions from organizations such as ASCAP, BMI, and Opera on Tap, among others. He is the director of music and assistant professor of composition and theory at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. He previously taught at the University of South Florida and The Hartt School. He has participated at various prestigious music festivals and conferences.

Upcoming Events:

Stop the Bleed Training, November 11, 6:00pm, Club Room
RSVP required (max. 10 participants)
RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com

Umoja Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 15, 5:00pm, Northside Events & Social Club

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25, 7:00pm

Advent Festival, Sunday, November 29, 4:30-6:30pm

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