



July 18, 2021 - Livestream  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of all things; let the heavens adore you.

**People: Let the whole earth worship you.**

Leader: Let all the nations praise you.

**People: We will serve you in love and peace.**

\*OPENING HYMN #540

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

***I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.***

***I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand  
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.***

***For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.***

***Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.***

***Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Drake

**Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us  
through scripture and song.**

**Place Jesus Christ as the cornerstone  
who holds us together**

**and make our lives a holy temple of your presence. Amen.**

*\*Standing as you are able or comfortable.*

## FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:17-22

So Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*God is Our Refuge & Strength*

Allen Pote  
Summer Choir

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble  
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
 Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.  
 Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
 God is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
 God is the Word, we are his hands, God will lead us, God is the air,  
 we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long.  
 God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble  
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
 Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.  
 Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
 God is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. God is the rain,  
 we are the stones, God will cleanse us. God is the air, we are his song.  
 We will celebrate his presence all the day long.  
 God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble  
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
 Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 89:1-4, 28-34

Sunil Kotian

Leader: I will sing of God's unfailing love forever!  
 Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

**People: Your unfailing love will last forever.**

**Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.**

Leader: The Lord said, "I have made a covenant with David, my chosen servant.  
 I have sworn this oath to him:

**People: 'I will establish your descendants as kings forever;  
 they will sit on your throne from now until eternity.'"**

Leader: I will love him and be kind to him forever;  
 my covenant with him will never end.

**People: I will preserve an heir for him;  
 his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven.**

Leader: But if his descendants forsake my instructions  
 and fail to obey my regulations,

**People: if they do not obey my decrees  
 and fail to keep my commands,**

Leader: then I will punish their sin with the rod,  
 and their disobedience with beating.

**People: But I will never stop loving him  
nor fail to keep my promise to him.**

Leader: No, I will not break my covenant;

**People: I will not take back a single word I said.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #463

*Lord, Speak to Me*

***Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.***

***O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.***

***O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.***

***O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.***

***O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,  
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.***

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN FOR PAUL MCCLURE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

Leader: God, in your mercy....

**People: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY

*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

2 Samuel 7:1-13

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of God came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David: "Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'

“Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

“Moreover, the Lord declares to you that God will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Delayed Construction*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

***Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.***

***Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.***

***Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.***

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

arr. E. Childs

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Katy Meredith  
with love from her family - Donald, Darrell, Wayne and Carolyn Daniel.*

***Katy's memorial service is today at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream***

*The white carnation is in memory of Paul McClure who passed away on July 12<sup>th</sup>*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

John Drake, *Liturgist*

John Hague, James Horton, Dick Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Reminder

North Church Day of Fishing For All Ages

Lily Lake at Eagle Creek Park

Monday, July 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Families Picnic

Tarkington Park, Sunday, July 25 12-2 p.m.

Questions and RSVP to Amy by July 21

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