



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

*All who are comfortably able are invited to stand at those places in the service indicated by an asterisk**

We ask you to please turn off all telephones and electronic devices.

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE

Karen Mohr

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (J.S. Bach)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING *“Soften My Heart”*

Soften my heart, Lord, Soften my heart

from all indifference set me apart,

To feel your compassion, to weep with your tears;

come soften my heart, O Lord, Soften my heart. (repeat)

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather not to proclaim ourselves.

People: **We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord!**

Leader: May his light shine on us.

People: **May His light shine in us.**

All: *May his light shine through us.*

***HYMN** *“Shine Jesus Shine”*

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We Confess Our Sin and Seek God's Forgiveness

***PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Creator God, as vessels of clay created in your image, you have empowered us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet, too often we refuse to use his power to strengthen our faith or give us courage to work for justice. When perplexed, we fail to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. The life of Jesus is not made visible in our words and actions. Forgive us.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS**

Do not be driven to despair. Do not become paralyzed by your sin. Our sins are forgiven as once again, Jesus offers us another opportunity to let his light shine through us.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Jesus offers us peace as we trust God to strengthen and sustain us through life's challenges. Let us receive that peace so that we might share it with one another.

Lord Jesus, we seek your peace. Holy God, strengthen and sustain us.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

***SONG OF PRAISE** *"Gloria Patri"*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

We Listen for the Good News

CHILDREN'S TIME *(If children present)* "Finding Treasures"

HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

II Corinthians 4:5-12

SERMON *"Clay Pots Breakable Yet Strong"*

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

We Respond To God's Faithfulness

*HYMN "*Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*

vs. 1, 2 & 5 (Insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Karen Mohr

"The King of Love"

(Gordon Young)

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Sacrament of Communion¹

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Pastor Continues with the prayer...

...With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name, saying,

All: **Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,**

The whole universe speaks of your glory,

O God Most High.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CONSECRATION

OUR RESPONSE

All: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

THE BREAKING AND THE POURING

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The United Church of Christ practices open communion. People of all ages who confess Jesus Christ as Savior are welcome. Today we will receive the elements remaining in our pews. The Deacons/nesses will serve the bread; Pastor Jacoba will serve the gluten free bread in the pews to those who request it. Light colored glasses contain juice and dark glasses contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have received them and we will commune together as one body.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, God for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE "Lead Us from Death to Life"**

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.

***POSTLUDE**

Karen Mohr

The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World in Easter Joy

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Announcements

We welcome you to this service of worship. We hope you will experience the love of God and your neighbors. You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for coffee/refreshments and conversation. Whoever you are and where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Note: You will find the attendance folders in the pews on the center racks of every pew - please take time to fill out the attendance sheet including your full address and return them to the side aisles, ushers will collect them during the last hymn. Thank you.

Today: 3:00 p.m. Communion served at Neillsville Retirement Community; join us!

Radio Broadcast Sponsors – Today the radio broadcast portion of our worship service is given by Glenna Rhoades Marg in honor of the “Rhoades Girls.”

Calendar

Monday, June 4 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nar-Anon.

Friday, June 8, Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10 – Pastor Jacoba, Sue Vornholt and Bonnie Weyer attending Wisconsin Conference Annual meeting at Green Lake.

Sunday, June 10 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service led by Betty Barr; (Video Sermon by Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister.)

Sunday, June 10-Thursday, June 14 – Pastor Jacoba attending Moon Beach Church Camp; (Chaperoning two children from our church.)

Milk Drive Funds – Now thru June 30 – Let’s fill the “milk jug” or even overflow it. Goal: \$450
150 Jugs @ \$3.00 Each – Any amount of money will be accepted!! Envelopes in the pews for your donation.