



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 a.m.

The Fifth 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 *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* **J.S. Bach** Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome all of you who have gathered with us today for worship. We come from many places to this time and place. From our varied and hectic lives, we gather in this sacred space, as a community to be challenged, to give thanks and to worship. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

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: There are a variety of roads that have brought us to this place in our lives.

People: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, all are welcome here.

Leader: May our paths lead us to God whose ways are faithful and loving.

People: God's ways cause us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our being, with all our strength and with all our mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Let us sit at the feet of Jesus and listen for the words God speaks to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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We Confess Our Sin and Seek God's Forgiveness

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, when we neglect to welcome you into our lives,

Have mercy on us.

God, when we are self-focused and turning away from others,

Have mercy on us.

God, when we fail to allow others to support us on our journey,

Have mercy on us.

God, when we are too busy to sit at the feet of Jesus,

Have mercy on us.

God, as people on the road, no matter where we are on life's journey,

Strengthen our faith in you, increase our love for our neighbor and ourselves, that we may love and serve as Jesus showed us. Amen.

***SILENCE AS WE CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

When we gather for worship, we turn to God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and we practice loving our neighbor as ourselves.

We want to lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God.

Leading this kind of life, leads to the peace of Christ. May we uncover this peace in our lives. The peace of Christ be with you.

(All are invited to greet others with handshakes or hugs while saying to them "the peace of Christ be with you" and responding "and also with you.")

SONG OF PRAISE *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Listen for Words that Encourage and Challenge Us
As Jesus Followers

CHILDREN'S TIME "Mary and Martha"

SONG *"Seekers of Your Heart" Refrain, vs. 1 Refrain*

Insert #222 Renew

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 CEB

³⁸ While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. ⁴⁰ By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him

and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me.”

⁴¹The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. ⁴²One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won’t be taken away from her.”

SERMON *“Sitting with Jesus, Serving Each Other”* Pastor Jacoba Koppert

We Respond in Faith to God’s Love for the World

***HYMN** *“Take My Life, and Let It Be” vs. 1, 2, &4 #458*

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***CONFESSING OUR FAITH** *“UCC Statement of Faith”*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY “Within My Heart of Hearts” J. S Bach *Karen Mohr*

***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**

***HYMN** *Pass It On*” **Insert (640 old hymnal)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Let There Be Peace”*

By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and
live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

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***POSTLUDE**

Karen Mohr

**The Light of Christ Leads Us into the Word
to Enact the Love of Jesus**

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Radio Broadcast Sponsors – Today the radio broadcast portion of our worship service is sponsored anonymously by a faithful radio listener.

Calendar

Monday, July 15 – Nar-Anon.

Wednesday, July 17 – 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee meets.

Thursday, July 18 – 10-11:30 a.m. Sun Catchers Café.

Sunday, July 28 “Outdoor Worship Service”

9:00 a.m. Neillsville Care & Rehab (Shelter- west side)

Needed : Cookies/Bars for the Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, July 28. Bring them to the shelter cut and ready to serve – also volunteer to help with chairs etc. Thank you!

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Monday, June 10 – Nar-Anon.

Thursday, June 13 – 1:30 p.m. Circle of Friends meeting.

Next Sunday, June 16- 9 a.m. Worship- Pastor Jim Mohr leading.

32nd General Synod June 21-25 – Pastor Jacoba attending.

Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for the opportunity to go to the General Synod by bus for only \$20.00. Registration forms are in the office. The bus will be leaving Black River Falls (Wal Mart Parking Lot) 7:45 a.m. – Drop off at 9:45 p.m. If you need help in registering on-line -If you have any questions – contact Sue Vornholt 715-797-4031.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering – Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Thank you for your support!

