

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor James Mohr

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**PRELUDE** "Pavane" Gabriel Faure'  
Karen Mohr

### RINGING OF THE CARILLON

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely God is our salvation.

**We will trust and will not be afraid.**

God is our strength and our might.

**God has become our salvation.**

Sing praises to God.

**ALL: God has done gloriously.**

**Let this be known in all the Earth!**

**HYMN** "Be Not Dismayed"

#460 NCH Civilla D. Martin

**1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
Beneath God's wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
God will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.**

**2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail,  
God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**3 All you may need God will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**4 No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon God's breast,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

### OPENING PRAYER

God, you are creating a new heaven and a new earth, and you call us to be part of that re-creation. So here we gather to hear again your good news for this world and for ourselves. Open our eyes to see what you are doing, open our ears to hear your words that create this new thing, and open our hearts to the re-creation that begins for us, here in this community. Bless us in hearing your promises today as we offer ourselves in worship and trust in your good news here among us. Amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

All are invited to greet one another with words such as "*The peace of Christ be with you,*" and the response: "*And also with you*".

**RESPONSE:** "*Rejoice You Pure in Heart*"

#55 NCH v. 1 Edward H. Plumptre

**Rejoice, you pure in heart;  
lift praises to the sky:  
Your festal banner wave with joy,  
the cross of Christ raise high!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
give thanks and sing.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT    Isaiah 65:17-25**

#### ***The Glorious New Creation***

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### **NEW TESTAMENT    Luke 21:5-19**

#### **The Destruction of the Temple Foretold**

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

#### **Signs and Persecutions**

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

**SERMON**    “On Earth as It is in Heaven”    Pastor Jim

#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD (all)**

**As great as the heavens.**

**As deep as the oceans.**

**As broad as the sky.**

**This is the God we follow.**

**In front of us leading.**

**Behind us comforting.**

**Journeying with us.**

**This is the God we follow.**

**Always merciful.**

**Near to those who call.**

**Hearing our cries.**

**This is the God we follow.**

**Protecting with love.**

**Destroying what is wicked.**

**Always ready to receive praise.**

**This is the God we follow.**

**Rebuilding what is destroyed.**

**Protecting us with presence.**

**With us always through everything.**

**This is the God we follow.**

As great as the heavens.  
As deep as the oceans.  
As broad as the sky.  
This is the God we follow.

HYMN "By Gracious Powers"

#413 NCH Transl. Fred Pratt Green

1 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning  
and never fails to greet us each new day.

2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O God, you taught us to prepare.

3 And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter sorrow, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

4 Yet when again in this same world you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

MORNING PRAYERS

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

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "A Swedish Melody" Earl Roland Larson

Doxology "We Give You But Your Own" Wm. How

#785 NCH

We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
We give it gratefully.

HYMN "Incarnate God, Immortal Love"

#414 NCH (vs.1-3) Alfred Tennyson

1 Incarnate God, immortal Love,  
whom we, that have not seen your face,  
by faith, and faith alone, embrace,  
Believing where we cannot prove;

2 You will not leave us in the dust;  
you gave us life, we know not why.  
We trust we were not made to die,  
for you have made us, you are just.

3 In you meet human and divine,  
the highest, holiest union known.  
We falsely call our powers our own  
until our wills with yours combine.

BLESSING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN "Incarnate God, Immortal Love"

#414 NCH (vs. 4)

4 Our little systems have their day;  
they have their day and cease to be;  
They are but fleeting certainty,  
and you, O Christ, are more than they.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Karen Mohr

**RADIO BROADCAST**

**11 AM Sunday radio broadcast  
on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM**

This week's radio broadcast is given  
by Paul Vine & Kelley Burch  
in remembrance of his father, Gordon Vine.

## WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!  
We are glad that you have joined us on site,  
through the internet or on the radio.  
We pray that you will hear God's call,  
seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

YouTube link for Sunday, November 16, 2025  
<https://youtube.com/live/rgHBlbB7iu4>

Coffee fellowship after worship -  
Sign up on back bulletin board

Nov 16 – Doris Bakker  
Nov 23 – Rodman's  
Nov 30 – Sharon Buddenhagen  
Dec 7 –  
Dec 14 -

We need people to sign up

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Sunday, November 16th

#### **- 9:30 AM Worship**

Deacon – JoAnn Wren

Greeters – Nancy & Kirk Rodman

Ushers – Corinne & Neil Armitage

Power Point – Reese Ziegler

### Following Sunday, November 23rd

Deacon – Wayne Voss

Greeters – Carole Romens, Jenny Erickson

Ushers – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker

Power Point – Barb Petkovsek

### Monday, November 17th

**- 9:00 AM Card Making**

**3:30 PM Deacons Meeting**

### Tuesday, November 18th

**- 1:00 PM Bible Study**

**5:30 PM Trustees Meeting**

### Wednesday, November 19th

**- 3:30 PM Confirmation meets at UCC**

**5:00 PM JAM meets at UCC**

**6:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting**

LET  
gratitude  
FOR THE PAST  
INSPIRE US  
WITH trust  
FOR THE FUTURE.  
-Françoise Finlon