

Reign of Christ
November 23, 2025
United Church of Christ - Neillsville
Pastor Sue Vornholt

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PRELUDE *"Song of Thanksgiving"* Earl Roland Larson
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, whom do you follow?

All: We follow Christ, Ruler of us

Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

**All: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and
mercy, compassion and peace.**

Children of God, how will, you live in, the reign of
Christ

**All: Choosing, love, truth, justice, mercy,
compassion, peace and even when our world tells
not to.**

Children of God, come let us, worship God, whose
love reigns, over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

All: Come, let us worship

Thanks be to God

HYMN *"Come Now Almighty God"*

#275 NCH Anon., English

1 Come now, Almighty God,
help us your name to laud;
our songs we raise:
Ruler all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

2 Come now, Incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend;
Come, and your people bless,
and give your word success;
grant us your holiness,
Savior and Friend!

3 Come, holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Your grace to us impart,
now rule in every heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of power!

4 To you, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
for evermore.
Your sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

INVOCATION

Holy Redeemer, In the dusk of this liturgical year, we recall the beauty of our days together. The blessedness of Christmas love and the light of Epiphany moves us to bring illumination to our neighbors. The hope of Easter and the strength of Pentecost inspire us to bring the Good News of God's love to this world. All of this is to create God's Realm here on this earth, where we follow the steps of Christ, knowing the endurance of the Holy Spirit abides with us today and always. Amen.

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our

common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, 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.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him.

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. Plumtre

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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

Restoration after Exile

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend

to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The Righteous Branch of David

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,

⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

SERMON "Gratitude of Gifts" Pastor Sue

HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

#300 NCH vs. 1,3,5 Isaac Watts

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on God's love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their earliest prayers in Jesus' name.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
tributes of praise for all to sing;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud 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

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Gordon Young

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Let us pray, Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting,

All: we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen

HYMN "We Praise You, O God"

#420 NCH Julia C. Cory

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide
you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, in life's struggles
we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your
blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

BLESSING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Doris Bakker
in praise & thanksgiving for our church.

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 23, 2025
<https://youtube.com/live/wup8wdNPSuc>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, November 23rd

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Wayne Voss

Greeters – Carole Romens & Jenny Erickson

Ushers – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker

Power Point – Barb Petkovsek



Following worship on Nov. 23rd, we are looking for
volunteers to stay & help with decorating the church.

Following Sunday, November 30th

Deacon – Byrl Buddenhagen

Greeters – Sandy Bieneck, Michelle Bergemann

Ushers – Ray Weyer, Jerry Hamm

Power Point – Janice Miller

Tuesday, November 25th

- 1:00 PM Bible Study

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Nov 23 – Rodman's

Nov 30 – Sharon Buddenhagen

Dec 7 –

Dec 14 – Mathis'

We need people to sign up



"We ask that our gratitude moves us to
generosity, remembering those who are
hungry, lonely, or in need. May we share not
only our abundance, but also our time,
kindness, and mercy".

We are taking
Poinsettia orders for
the Advent Season.
They are available in
red, white, pink, and
marble at \$18.00.

They can be ordered in
honor of, in memory of, or for any other reason
you may have. Please have your orders in by
December 9th, forms are available in the narthex.

