

**November 9, 2025**  
United Church of Christ - Neillsville **Twenty**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Pastor Sue Vornholt

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**PRELUDE** Holly Pisors

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VETERANS DAY PRAYER**

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 17)

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye, O God.

**ALL: You wondrously show us your steadfast peace**

One: Hide me in the shadow of your wings, Divine Spirit.

**ALL: You wondrously show us your steadfast strength.**

One: I behold your face in righteousness, Christ of Hope.

**ALL: You wondrously show us your steadfast love.**

**INVOCATION**

We see only a fraction of your presence, God. We know you only in part, as we experience this world with our senses, our experiences, and what is tangibly in front of us. How does the sacredness of each earthly breath draw us closer to your presence on this side of Heaven? May we grasp the beauty of this world, even on the gloomy days. May we cherish our relationships here on earth even when times are challenging. May we know that.

**HYMN** "This Is The Day" Les Garrett  
**#84 NCH**

**1 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made,  
that our God has made.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.**

**2 This is the day, this is the day  
Jesus rose again,  
Jesus rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it and be glad in it.  
This is the day Jesus rose again,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day  
Jesus rose again.**

**3 This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came,  
when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it;  
This is the day when the Spirit came,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came.**

**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*".

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**NEW TESTAMENT Luke 20:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless;

<sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

<sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

#### **NEW TESTAMENT 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5**

**2** As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

**2** <sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**SERMON** “Hold onto Faith” Pastor Sue

#### **HYMN** “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

**#436 NCH** Harry Emerson Fosdick

**1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring it's bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 From the evils that surround us  
and assail the Savior's ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.**

**4 Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives, that they may be  
armored with all Christ-like graces,  
in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
in the quest for liberty,  
In the quest for liberty.**

**5 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.**

#### **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

Doxology *"We Give You But Your Own"* W. How

#785 NCH

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

### Prayer of Dedication

God of Infinite Love,

Through our gifts, we create glimmers here on this side of Heaven. Through our treasures, time, and talents, we nurture your Realm. We provide for our neighbors who lack basic necessities and who look for inclusion of their souls. May Heaven be a place that we can experience throughout our lives as we breathe the invigorating air of your Spirit. With gratitude, we celebrate our gifts from you and dedicate our gifts to bring peace to this earth. Amen.

HYMN *"God Be With You"*

#81 NCH Jeremiah Rankin

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
Wings of shelter safely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Holly Pisors

### RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Howie & Kathy Mathis in appreciation to all our military veterans and in honor of Veteran's Day.

### 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 for Sunday, November 9, 2025  
<https://youtube.com/live/zYYKQ7sYpE>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, November 9th

#### - 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Janice Miller

Greeters – Barb & Ken Shoemaker

Ushers – Bob & Barb Petkovsek

Power Point – Bonnie Weyer

### Following Sunday, November 16th

Deacon – JoAnn Wren

Greeters – Nancy & Kirk Rodman

Ushers – Corinne & Neil Armitage

Power Point – Reese Ziegler

### Tuesday, November 11th

#### - 1:00 PM Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 12th

#### - 1:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

### Thursday, November 13th

#### - 1:30 PM Circle of Friends Meeting

#### Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Nov 9 –

Nov 16 -

Nov 23 -

Nov 30 –

We need people to sign up



*"For all those who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
and those who  
humble themselves  
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14, NIV