

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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United Church of Christ - Neillsville

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PRELUDE "Jig Fugue" Dietrich Buxtehude
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116)

We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall
we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty
to us?

**Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of
thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!**

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty
to us?

**With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our
lives, we praise the Holy One!**

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful One, thank you for calling us to worship and
for being present among us. Breathe upon us with
your Holy Spirit, that we may have the courage and
endurance to trust your promises and to answer your
call with the same steadfast faithfulness and love
that you show to us. Amen.

HYMN "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" #459 W&R
Words: Eva Lloyd Music: Attr. B.F. White

1 Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness,
All your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

2 Of your time and talents give now,
They are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim his wondrous love.

**Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work, with Christ find favor,
And with joy his praises sing.**

3 Come in praise and adoration,
All who on Christ's name believe;
Worship him with consecration,
Grace and love you will receive.
For his grace give Christ the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Until all his name have heard.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that
transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with
mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed
life. Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you
and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our
faith and our work join with your power to make us
fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears.
May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope
in your kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

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".

HYMN RESPONSE:

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

#27 NCH Isaac Watts

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. ²He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. ³He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

⁶So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" ⁷Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

¹⁰Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

¹³The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' ¹⁴Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.

But he said, "No, you laughed."

^{21:1}The Lord was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the Lord carried out just what he had promised her. ²She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for

Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. ³Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac. ⁴Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. ⁶Sarah said, "God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me." ⁷She said, "Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I've given birth to a son when he was old!"

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

³⁵Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. ³⁸Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

^{10:1}He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. ²Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; ³Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

⁵Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. ⁶Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. ⁷As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.

⁹Workers deserve to be fed, so don't gather gold or silver or copper coins for your money belts to take on your trips. ¹⁰Don't take a backpack for the road or two shirts or sandals or a walking stick. ¹¹Whatever city or village you go into, find somebody in it who is worthy and stay there until you go on your way. ¹²When you go into a house, say, 'Peace!' ¹³If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if the house isn't worthy, take back your blessing. ¹⁴If anyone refuses to welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust

off your feet as you leave that house or city. ¹⁵ I assure you that it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on Judgment Day than it will be for that city.

¹⁶ “Look, I’m sending you as sheep among wolves. Therefore, be wise as snakes and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Watch out for people—because they will hand you over to councils and they will beat you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ They will haul you in front of governors and even kings because of me so that you may give your testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ Whenever they hand you over, don’t worry about how to speak or what you will say, because what you can say will be given to you at that moment. ²⁰ You aren’t doing the talking, but the Spirit of my Father is doing the talking through you. ²¹ Brothers and sisters will hand each other over to be executed. A father will turn his child in. Children will defy their parents and have them executed. ²² Everyone will hate you on account of my name. But whoever stands firm until the end will be saved. ²³ Whenever they harass you in one city, escape to the next, because I assure that you will not go through all the cities of Israel before the Human One comes.

SERMON “Just Do It!” *Pastor Julie*

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

HYMN “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
#543 NCH (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6) Frank Mason North

**1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.**

**2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds framed with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**4 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the deep compassion of your face.**

**6 Till all shall learn compassion’s might,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your realm of light,
shall come the city of our God.**

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” Dale Wood

Doxology Tune: Old 100th (“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”)

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God’s name! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful and loving God, bless these gifts with your faithfulness and love. Bless our lives to be faithful and loving. And bless our world with your promises of faith, hope, peace, and love— knowing always that the greatest of these is love. Amen.

HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”
#562 W&R (vs. 1-3) Shirley Erena Murray

**1 We've a story to tell to the nations
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**

Refrain:

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—
the kingdom of love and light.**

**2 We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. [*Refrain*]**

**3 We've a message to give to the nations—
that the Lord who reigns high above
Has sent us His Son to save us
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. [*Refrain*]**

BLESSING

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS AND BURDENS

As we are gathered together as children of God, we are called to share our blessings and joys and our concerns, our deepest fears, sadnesses, griefs and needs so that we may bear one another up and support each other in prayer and Christian love.

HYMN "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
#562 W&R (vs. 4)

**4 We've a Savior to show to the nations
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.**

Refrain:

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—
the kingdom of love and light.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Karen Mohr

RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by
Wayne & JoAnn Voss in celebration
of their 65th wedding anniversary.

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, June 14, 2026
<https://youtube.com/live/uc135NZsHJI>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, June 14th

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Byrl Buddenhagen
Greeters – Howie & Kathy Mathis
Ushers – Phil & Donita Follen
Power Point – Bonnie Weyer
AV – Lydia Schumacher

**FYI - (for those who are scheduled for PowerPoint/AV
it is suggested that you arrive 30 minutes prior to
the church service to get the laptop turned on,
allow for any updates, get screen down and start
running the announcements).**

Following Sunday, June 21st

Deacon – Sally Sadowska
Greeters – Steve & Leslie Buchholz
Ushers – Paul Vine & Kelley Burch
Power Point – Barb Petkovsek
AV – Crispin Hediger

Tuesday, June 16th

-1:00 PM – Bible Study

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

June 14 – Circle of Friends
June 21 – Follen's
June 28 – Rodman's
July 5 -
We need people to sign up

