

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2026**  
United Church of Christ - Neillsville  
Pastor James Mohr

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**PRELUDE** "Prelude & Fugue' in F" J.S. Bach  
Karen Mohr

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to each and every one of you!

**Thank you. We are glad to be here.**

May the joy we have in our Lord Jesus Christ become  
your joy also.

**We have found a welcoming presence in this house  
of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God who has welcomed each one of us!

**Let us extend that same loving welcome to others. All  
are welcome in this place.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of  
worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns,  
our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal  
us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful  
disciples. AMEN.**

**HYMN** "All Are Welcome" (vs. 1,3,4)

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

***Refrain:***

**All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine, and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet  
Here, the love of God through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
*[Refrain]***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
Beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve, and teach  
And live the Word they've known  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
Bear the image of God's face  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger *[Refrain]***

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of  
welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but  
you know that sometimes we shy away from  
reaching out. We make judgments about others  
based on their appearance and other surface factors,  
and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming  
presence. That lack of welcome extends further when  
we see needs that must be addressed and choose to  
turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and  
suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us  
that as we welcome others, so we are also  
welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and  
courage to always be welcoming others in your  
name. 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** Susie Karl

**OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 22:1-14**

<sup>22:1</sup> After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I'm here."

<sup>2</sup> God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." <sup>3</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

<sup>4</sup> On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. <sup>5</sup> Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"

Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

<sup>12</sup> The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen."

**NEW TESTAMENT Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. <sup>13</sup> Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. <sup>14</sup> Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> So what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness. <sup>17</sup> But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. <sup>18</sup> Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> (I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 10:40-42**

<sup>40</sup> "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

**SERMON** "Acts of Faith" Pastor James Mohr

**HYMN** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

#498 NCH Tom Colvin

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
Jesu, you acted as servant to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
showing our faith by our deeds,  
serving the neighbors we have from you.  
[Refrain]

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

## **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** "Sinfonia" J.S. Bach

**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**

Divine Overseer, if even a cup of water for one of your disciples does not go unnoticed, then our offerings to support your ministers and the work of your church will also be rewarded. Grant us also the share of the prophet's reward and the blessing that comes in the company of good people.

**HYMN** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

#539 NCH (vs. 1-4) Richard Gillard

1 Won't you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Go the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the shadow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

## **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** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

#539 NCH (vs. 5)

5 When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Karen Mohr

**RADIO BROADCAST**

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

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored  
anonymously with the message  
"May HIS word be heard by ALL".

**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 28, 2026  
<https://youtube.com/live/sW4LlcPPZMs>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Sunday, June 28th**

**- 9:30 AM Worship**

Deacon – Karlene Wallace  
Greeters – Larry & Kathy Marshall  
Ushers – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker  
Power Point – Brynn Heck  
AV – Stephanie Heck

*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, July 5th**

Deacon – Janice Miller  
Greeters – Pat Acheson & Herman Seebandt  
Ushers – Mike Perkl, Deb Perkl  
Power Point – Bonnie Weyer  
AV – Emile Miller

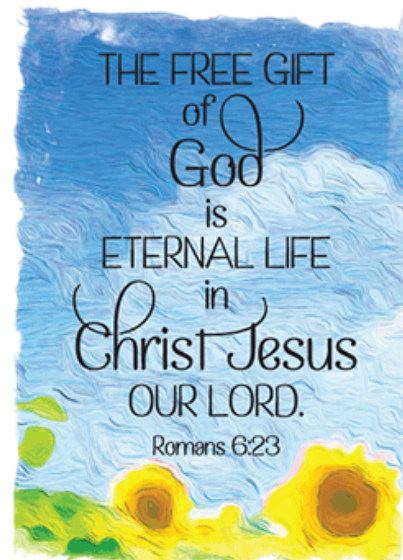
**Tuesday, June 30th**

**-1:00 PM – Bible Study**

**Coffee fellowship after worship -**

Sign up on back bulletin board

June 28 – Rodman's  
July 5 – Mathis'  
July 12 –  
July 19 -  
We need people to sign up



Please have articles  
in for the July  
Newsletter by  
Monday, June 29th