

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

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PRELUDE "Kum Ba Yah" John Behnke
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence.

All are welcome here.

Come, saints and sinners alike.

We are all God's children.

Faith has brought us here.

Grace will make us whole.

Come! Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise"

#24 NCH (vs. 1,2, 4)

Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann

**1 The God of Abram praise, all praises to God's name;
Who was and is and is to be, forever the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through
timeless years!**

**2 God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks
still.**

**Established is God's law, and changeless it shall
stand,**

Deep written on the human heart, in every land.

**4 The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, forever the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through
timeless years!**

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

**Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as
you are with us. We long to set aside past grudges
and love others for who they are now. We are tired
of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as
your beloved children. Fill us with your grace, that
we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and
to seek the healing of your world. 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 "Jesus Is the Light" Karen Mohr

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-9

¹The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
those who curse you I will curse;
all the families of the earth
will be blessed because of you.”

⁴ Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I give this land to your descendants,” so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. ⁸ From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord’s name. ⁹ Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, “Follow me,” and he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² When Jesus heard it, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: I want mercy and not sacrifice. I didn’t come to call righteous people, but sinners.”

¹⁸ While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, “My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she’ll live.” ¹⁹ So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. ²⁰ Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. ²¹ She thought, If I only touch his robe I’ll be healed.

²² When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, “Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that time on.

²³ When Jesus went into the ruler’s house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. ²⁴ He said, “Go away, because the little girl isn’t dead but is asleep”; but they laughed at him. ²⁵ After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. ²⁶ News about this spread throughout that whole region.

SERMON “Faith it ‘Til You Make 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 “A Place at the Table” *Shirley Erena Murray*
#617 W&R (vs. 1,3,5)

**1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

Refrain:

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy.**

**3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. [*Refrain*]**

**5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. [*Refrain*]**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of infinite love,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
O God Most High!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our
God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

... By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread And Pouring Wine

Sharing The Elements

*All are welcome to partake in the Feast of our Lord.
The table is open to all.*

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, our loving Creator, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for this meal that brings us closer to you and to your vision of a world of peace. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory *“Caricature of a Sunday School Song”*
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

God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. Amen.

HYMN *“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”*

#709 W&R WORDS and MUSIC: South African

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
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All our hearts are filled with gladness.**

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**1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
Give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful Gospel. [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 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

#77 NCH (verse 1)

**1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing:
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

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 in praise of the family farmer.

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 7, 2026
<https://youtube.com/live/z5LMSsa2Vtk>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, June 7th

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Byrl Buddenhagen
Greeters – Corinne & Neil Armitage
Ushers – Paul Schmidt, Neil Armitage
Power Point – Paul Vine
AV – Emile Miller

*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 14th

Deacon – Barb Shoemaker
Greeters – Howie & Kathy Mathis
Ushers – Ben Mathis, Kelly Mathis
Power Point – Bonnie Weyer
AV –

Monday, June 8th

-9:00 AM – Card Making

Tuesday, June 9th

-1:00 PM – Bible Study
-5:00 PM – Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th

-1:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting

Thursday, June 11th

-1:30 PM – Circle of Friends Meeting

-5:00 PM – Future Connections Meeting

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

June 7 – Mathis'
June 14 – Circle of Friends
June 21 –
June 28 – Rodman's
We need people to sign up



TODAY

Join us for
"Jesus is the Light"
Vacation Bible School on
Sunday, June 7th

from 10:30 – 1:30 p.m for youth 3K – 8th grade.

**Registration links on
Facebook church page and JAM page.
For more information contact Stephanie Heck.

