

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026
United Church of Christ - Neillsville
Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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PRELUDE *Meditation from "Thais"* Jules Massenet
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145)

Our God is merciful and compassionate,
very patient, and full of faithful love.
God is good to everyone and everything;
God's compassion extends to all his handiwork!
God supports all who fall down,
straightens up all who are bent low.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to everyone who calls out to him,
to all who call out to him sincerely.
God shows favor to those who honor him,
listening to their cries for help and saving them.
My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy name
forever and always.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful and loving God, we come to you this day in
the midst of our summer months. For many this is a
time of relaxation; but for others, the burdens,
worries, and cares continue to weigh them down. Be
with each of us as we open our ears to hear your
words, our hearts to feel your presence, and our
spirits to receive your healing touch. In Jesus' Name,
we pray. AMEN.

HYMN *"Come Share the Lord"* Bryan Jeffrey Leech
#696 W&R

1 We gather here in Jesus' name;
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

(1) No one is a stranger here,
everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2 He joins us here, He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

(2) We are now a family
of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

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: *"As We Gather at Your Table"* Carl P. Daw, Jr.
#332 NCH vs. 1

1 As we gather at your Table,
As we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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 God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

...Until your promised day, we will pray.

Until your promised day, we will seek, saying:

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**

Breaking Bread And Pouring Wine

Sharing The Elements

All are welcome to partake in the Feast of our Lord.

This table is open to all.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

**God of manna and mustard seeds, loaves and
fishes abundantly shared, we came to this Table
hungry and we leave feeling full— full of hope, full
of promise, full of what could be. For we not only
found glimpses of you at this Table, but we caught
a glimpse of the way things could be: in a meal
where all are welcomed and all are fed. Is there
anything holier than that? So thank you for
nourishing our curiosity alongside our spirit and
our conviction. May we always seek you the way
you seek after us. With grateful hearts we pray,
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

² Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.

³ Listen and come to me;

listen, and you will live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.

⁴ Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.

⁵ Look, you will call a nation you don't know,
a nation you don't know will run to you
because of the Lord your God,
the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard [about John's death], he
withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
When the crowds learned this, they followed him on
foot from the cities. ¹⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a
large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed
those who were sick. ¹⁵ That evening his disciples came
and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's
getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into
the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send
them away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here except five
loaves of bread and two fish."

¹⁸ He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ He ordered the
crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five
loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven,
blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave
them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to
the crowds. ²⁰ Everyone ate until they were full, and
they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹ About
five thousand men plus women and children had
eaten.

SERMON "Gifts Miraculously Multiplied" Pastor Julie

HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table" Carl P. Daw, Jr.

#332 NCH vs. 2-3

**2 Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.**

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Bless The Lord" Taize'

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

With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for
the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as
we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful,
thankful service. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#347 NCH (vs 1-2) Fred Kaan

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#347 NCH (vs 3) Fred Kaan

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Emmanuel) everywhere!

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast is
sponsored anonymously
by church members.

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, August 2, 2026

<https://youtube.com/live/uoW3kPwGFWs>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, August 2nd

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Barb Shoemaker
Greeters – Barb Miller, Janice Miller
Ushers – Roger Carl, Ken Shoemaker
Power Point – Barb Petkovsek
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, Aug 9th

Deacon – Sally Sadowska
Greeters – Rosie & Jim Repinski
Ushers – Guy Jodarski, Larry Marshall
Power Point –
AV – Bonnie Weyer

Monday, August 3rd

-9:00 AM – Card Making

Tuesday, August 4th

-1:00 PM – Bible Study

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Aug 2 – Earnie Ruegsegger
Aug 9 –
Aug 16 – Rodman's
Aug 23 – Follen's
Aug 30 -
We need people to sign up

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Worship

August – September 2026

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday worship by **reading the scriptures and/or leading the children's message**. Pastor Julie will choose the scripture readings, and volunteers will prepare and lead the children's message. Pastor Julie has online resources available and is happy to discuss ideas or offer guidance.

If you feel called to help, please add your name to the schedule below. For more specifics of questions please contact Sally Sadowska or Janice Miller.

Thank you for serving!

Sunday	Scripture	Children's message
Aug 2	Barb Shoemaker	Barb Shoemaker
Aug 9		
Aug 16	Nancy Rodman	
Aug 23	Donita Follen	
Aug 30		
Sept 6		
Sept 13		
Sept 20		
Sept 27		

