

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
United Church of Christ - Neillsville
Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

All music in this service copied and streamed under
OneLicense.net A-723900 and CCLI License # 20913817

PRELUDE

Holly Pisors

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of strife, God is with us!

Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

HYMN *"Creator God We Sing"*

#39 NCH Carlos Rosas

1 Creator God, we sing
A hymn of joy we're making;
Our grateful love we bring,
As the new day's light is breaking.
God made the sea and land;
The sun and stars came rolling
From God's own loving hand,
Their Creator's love extolling.

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Creator God we sing: Alleluia!

2 Creator God, we sing
Your power and wisdom blessing,

**Our hope and wonder bring,
Admiration now expressing.
The universe maintains
That God in might is dwelling;
And we, in humble strains,
Of God's beauty here are telling. *[Refrain]***

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. 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".*

RESPONSE: *"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"*

#393 NCH (vs. 1) John Fawsett

**1 Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life
is like to that above.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ The Lord, Israel's king and redeemer,
the Lord of heavenly forces, says:
I am the first, and I am the last,
and besides me there are no gods.

⁷ Who is like me?

Let them speak up, explain it, and lay it out for me.
Who announced long ago what is to be?

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

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

**Holy One, may these gifts reflect our trust in you
and your provision. Magnify them for your purpose
and grant us discernment to be caretakers of the
resources entrusted to us. Amen.**

HYMN *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

#76 NCH vs. 1 Omer Westendorf

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith
confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us; and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

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.*

Let them tell us what is to come.

⁸ Don't tremble; have no fear!

Didn't I proclaim it?

Didn't I inform you long ago?

You are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no other rock; I know of none.

GOSPEL **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his
field. ²⁵ While people were sleeping, an enemy came
and planted weeds among the wheat and went away.

²⁶ When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the
weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The servants of the landowner came and said to
him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field?
Then how is it that it has weeds?'

²⁸ "'An enemy has done this,' he answered.

"The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and
gather them?'

²⁹ "But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather
the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰
Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at
harvest time I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the
weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned.
But bring the wheat into my barn.'""

Explanation of the parable of the weeds

³⁶ Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His
disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the
parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is
the Human One. ³⁸ The field is the world. And the good
seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds
are the followers of the evil one. ³⁹ The enemy who
planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the
present age. The harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰ Just as
people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it
will be at the end of the present age. ⁴¹ The Human
One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his
kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and
all people who sin. ⁴² He will throw them into a
burning furnace. People there will be weeping and
grinding their teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine
like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have
ears should hear."

HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#76 NCH vs. 2

Omer Westendorf

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face,
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us;

with your light now lead us.

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast is
sponsored anonymously
by a "faithful listener"

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, July 19, 2026

<https://youtube.com/live/Qnzu4mlxDm8>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, July 19th

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – JoAnn Wren

Greeters – Paul Vine, Kelley Burch

Ushers – Dick Lewis, Bob Petkovsek

Power Point – Paul Vine

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, July 26th

Deacon – Karleen Wallace

Greeters – Jim & M.E. Sjolin

Ushers – Joel & Marla Raine

Power Point – Janice Miller

AV – Bonnie Weyer

Tuesday, July 21st

-1:00 PM – Bible Study

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

July 19 – Carole Romens

July 26 -

Aug 2 –

Aug 9 – Rodman's

We need people to sign up

July – 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
July 19	Barb P	Barb P
July 26	Wendy S	Wendy S
Aug 2	Barb Shoemaker	Barb Shoemaker
Aug 9	Nancy Rodman	
Aug 16		
Aug 23		
Aug 30		
Sept 6		
Sept 13		
Sept 20		
Sept 27		



A Summertime Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer — every day and in every situation. Talking with God means praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, and expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you walk and talk with God every day. Amen.

— Unknown

Meal Giveaway

July 19, 2026

UCC-Neillsville

515 West Second Street

9:45-10:00 am

