

**The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
United Church of Christ, Neillsville - Pastor Jacoba Koppert

**PRELUDE**

Karen Mohr

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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

**Was it you who searched us and knew us?**

Was it you who called our names?

**Was it you that asked us to follow you?**

Was it you who sent us where we did not want to go?

**God did you summon us to do your work in the world?**

Indeed, God still calls us by name. Jesus still invites us to follow him. The Holy Spirit still leads us.

**We will listen; we will follow; we are open to the Spirit's leading.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, through the ages you have called your people to listen for your voice. We praise you for trusting us with your desire to bring your Kingdom on earth. Forgive us when we choose not to hear or heed your call. Give us courage to follow Jesus not knowing where he will lead nor what might be expected of us. Help us to be faithful. Hear our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**BLESSING/ASSURANCE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**MEDITATION**

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

*"Summoned to Follow Jesus"*

**THE HYMN** "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" permission to copy given by the translator Madeleine Forell Marshall

1. You have come down to the lake shore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only asking for me to follow. **Refrain**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus you have looked into my eyes;  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you I will seek other seas.**

2. You know full well my possessions  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fish nets and will for working

**Refrain**

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
Work-ing love for the rest of the wea-ry-  
A love that's willing to go on loving **Refrain**

4. You who have fished other waters;  
You, the long-ing of souls that are  
Yearning;  
As lov-ing Friend, you have come  
To call me.

**Refrain**

**O Jesus you have looked into my eyes;  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you I will seek other seas.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Karen Mohr

**ANNOUCEMENTS**

Welcome to our service of worship! We are glad you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio. We pray you will experience God's love and know you too are called to follow Jesus.

**We would like to thank Dan Patey for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast  
in memory of Elvira Patey.**

**10 AM Sunday** Our worship service can be found on  
YouTube "UCC-Neillsville"  
Our website Neillsvilleucc.org  
Facebook pages Neillsville United Church of Christ  
and Neillsville UCC Members Page  
11 AM Sunday Radio Broadcast WCCN 98.5 FM; 1370 AM

In person worship has resumed. All who wish to worship  
in the sanctuary during our 10 am Sunday service will be  
required to wear masks and social distance in the sanctuary  
and the narthex. Please do not come if you feel at all unwell.

The Annual Meeting Reports are printed. Please come pick up  
your copy at your convenience.

**Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>** The **Annual Congregational Meeting**  
takes place in the Sanctuary after the 10am in person service.  
Members who attend the in-sanctuary service are  
encouraged to stay for the meeting.

Members will **also** be able to participate from their homes  
in the meeting on Zoom. A link will be sent out to the  
congregation before the meeting. The annual meeting  
will start approximately 10:30am. If you have questions,  
please call or email the office.

- You are welcome to continue bringing food for the Food Pantry. We will see to it that it is delivered.
- We are also collecting quart jars for our soup give away. Drop off jars at the church.



