

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany February 14th, 2021
United Church of Christ, Neillsville - Pastor Jacoba Koppert

PRELUDE

Karen Mohr

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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has summoned us by name.

God has searched us and known us.

Jesus has summoned us to follow him.

We are summoned to changed our hearts and lives.

We are summoned to go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel.

We are summoned to be partners with Jesus and each other so all things we do are for the sake of the gospel.

We gather to worship God, follow Jesus and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, through the ages you have called your people to listen for your voice. We praise you for trusting us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we our words and actions are not consistent with the teachings of Jesus. 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 I Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I preach the gospel, I have no reason to brag, since I'm obligated to do it. I'm in trouble if I don't preach the gospel. ¹⁷ If I do this voluntarily, I get rewarded for it. But if I'm forced to do it, then I've been charged with a responsibility. ¹⁸ What reward do I get? That when I preach, I offer the good news free of

charge. That's why I don't use the rights to which I'm entitled through the gospel.

¹⁹ Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. ²⁰ I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). ²¹ I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). ²² I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means. ²³ All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Summoned to Proclaim the Gospel"

THE HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair

So God grant us for tomorrow ways
To order human life
That surrounds each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith,
Thus giving hope and confidence and peace

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Jim Filitz for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in remembrance of Anne Fillitz's birthday, given by Jim and Jim John Filitz.

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 14th 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



