

The Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville - Pastor Jacoba Koppert

PRELUDE

Kelly Nielsen

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RINGING OF THE BELL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 25 and Mark 9:7

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. Make us to know the ways of Jesus, O Lord, teach us his paths.

Jesus is your beloved Son. He is pleasing to you. We will listen to him.

Lead us in his truth, and teach us his ways. Jesus shows us the way to your salvation. for you are the God of our salvation.

Jesus is your Son, whom you dearly love.

We will listen to him.

All the paths of Jesus Christ are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Jesus is your Son, the Beloved in whom you find happiness. We will listen to him.

Let us worship God thankful for Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you sent Jesus into the world to show us how to be loved and loving; yet too often we have refused your love and to be compassionate toward all. You sent Jesus to bring healing and hope, yet too often we have neglected to ask for his help. You sent Jesus to save the world, yet too often we act as if we can save ourselves. Forgive us and help us choose to follow in the ways of Jesus. Embrace us so we might have a closer relationship with you and with Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

BLESSING/ASSURANCE

RECEIVING AND SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes

became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Who Is Jesus for Me? God's Beloved Son"

THE HYMN *"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"*

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
We are dazzled by your glory,
Light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us, to see there,
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us
With the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you
go matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word:
"Listen, listen, everyone,
this is my beloved One!"

Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified.

Where you shouted, "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
"This was God's beloved One!"

We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Christ.
Can not help but tell the story,
all that you have sacrificed;
Say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved One!"

AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY¹

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ,
the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

**To God, be the glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.**

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

COVENANT

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor
to be entrusted with responsibility for particular
service in the ministry of the church whether
gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully
considered the duties and responsibilities of your
ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of
God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Lay Leaders: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your
ministry diligently and faithfully, showing
forth the love of Christ?

Lay Leaders: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you
have heard the promises of our brothers and
sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to
service. Let us affirm our intention to live in
covenant with them. Will those who are able rise
and witness to the commitment we now make?

**People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is
ours to be partners with you in the service of
Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your
leadership, and assist you that together we may
be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER

DECLARATION

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

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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

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Announcements

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We pray you will experience God's love and know you too are called to follow Jesus.

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- 10AM Sunday Our service can be found on YouTube "UCC-Neillsville" and our website "Neillsvilleucc.org"
- 11AM Sunday Radio Broadcast WCCN 98.5 FM; 1370 AM
- Children's Time will be added to our closed Facebook page on Sunday after worship
- 7:15 Wednesday March 3 CD for 7th graders

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