

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville - Pastor Jacoba Koppert

PRELUDE

Karen Mohr

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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you speak correctly because I am."

May Jesus' saving power be among us.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and give thanks to God the Father through him."

At the name of Jesus, may everyone in heaven and on earth, and under the earth bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

May God be praised in this time of worship.

May Christ Jesus be our Lord.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and bring to our remembrance all that Jesus taught.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If Not Now"

Sung by Rosie Weyer Lloyd and Ben Lloyd
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 7:46-49

⁴⁶"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Who Is Jesus for Me? Lord and Teacher"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

- 10AM in person Sundays. Masks and social distancing required. *Please do not come if you feel ill.*
- 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
- 7:15 Wednesday March 10 CD for 7th graders



Your giving statements are available for pick up. Either stop by or call the office and we will give it to you. We can mail it by request if desired. All unclaimed donation envelopes will be shredded after April 15.

Vanco is now available for online giving. Gifts can be given through your bank account or credit card. Directions can be found at neillsvilleucc.org or by calling Emile Miller. **You do not need to use Vanco. Automatic giving, checks, and cash are still accepted. Thank you for your generosity.**



We would like to thank the Vine children: Jane Nelson, Virginia Fennema, Paul Vine, Jeff Vine and Kristine Krischoffer for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in honor of Gordon and Faith Vine.

We are now taking sponsors for the 2022 radio broadcast. Contact the office if interested.

On March 28, there is a free curbside pickup Lenten Lunch at the UCC starting at 11:30. If you have not done so already, please return your quart containers! If you would like to purchase an Easter Lilly for the sanctuary, please contact the church office **as soon as possible and no later than March 20th. Lilies are \$15.**



Holy Week:

April 1st, Maundy Thursday, there will be a 7pm in person church service.

April 2nd, Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open from 12pm-3pm for individual prayer. Devotional prayer material will be available.

April 4th, Easter Sunday, 10am Sunday church service in person.