

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

PRELUDE

Karen Mohr

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Jesus stands among us and says, "Peace be with you."

Our hearts beat with joy as we realize Christ is risen.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God, as God is.

May we recognize God, the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit among us.

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

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

*"Child of God, Disciple of Christ,
Member of the Church"*

VIRTUAL HYMN

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine

Child of love, our love's expression,
Love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
Into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God your loving Parent,
Learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lennon James Erickson

son of Mitchell and Cassie (Suda) Erickson

Born June 26, 2020 Baptized March 28, 2021

God-parents - Kaitlyn Johnson and
Matthew Erikson

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME Lacey Erickson – Lay Reader

QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Will you encourage Christ’s disciples to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

We will with the help of God.

Will you help each other that all may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

We will with the help of God.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as you are able?

We do, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with one another in the

Christian faith, to help each other to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ’s presence, by furthering Christ’s mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

We do, with the help of God.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ.

We promise our love, support and care.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Welcome to our service of worship! We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio. We pray that you will experience the peace of Christ’s presence.

10AM Sunday in person and online worship. Masks and social distancing required.

Please do not come if you feel ill.

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

We would like to thank a faithful listener for sponsoring this week’s radio broadcast.

Sunday April 18, immediately after worship, an in person quarterly meeting will be conducted.

Meeting will not be on zoom.

The Church Council meets on Tuesday at 7:30 on Zoom.



Spring Lunch Give-Away
April 18, 2021
Curbside Pick-up
11:00 -11:30 am
Weillsville
United Church of Christ
515 West 2nd Street

