

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

The Festival of the Christian Home

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

PRELUDE "Hymn to Joy" Beethoven,
Karen Mohr

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 5:1-2

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the
Christ has been born of God, and everyone
who loves the parent loves the child.

**²By this we know that we love the children
of God, when we love God and obey his
commandments.**

Dear friends, let us love one another as
God has loved us.

We love because God first loved us.

Let us honor God we express our love for
our Creator, the Risen Christ and the Holy
Spirit.

VIRTUAL HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise
This is our hymn of grateful praise

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all to thee we raise
This is our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight
Lord of all to thee we raise
This is our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all to thee we raise
This is our hymn of grateful praise

PRAYER

God of love, through you we have learned
the power of love. Thank you for letting us
see the love you and Jesus have for one
another. We desire to love you as you love
us. Grant us your guidance as we attempt
to love each other as you commanded.
Because you have chosen us to be your
friends we yearn to be faithful friends to
you. Abiding in your love, we praise you
with gratitude for the life and love of
Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved
you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my
commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I
have said these things to you so that my joy
may be in you, and that your joy may be
complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that
you love one another as I have loved
you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to

lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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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 "The Heavens Declare This Glory" Ludwig Van Beethoven,
Karen Mohr

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
- 6PM May 10, Christian Ed. Zoom
- 5PM May 12, Stewardship Meeting Zoom
- 1:30PM May 13 Circle of Friends
- 7:45PM May 13, Deacons Meeting Zoom
- 6-7:30PM May 11-13 Conference Meeting
- 9-11:00AM May 15 Conference Meeting

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515 West 2nd Street

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10:30 -11:00 am



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Mother's
Day