

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE “ Assurance”

by John Ness Beck

Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of life’s chaos,
At the heart of our discontent,
Within the fragments of human brokenness,
Lives the healing presence of God.

Beyond our fears and misgivings,
Before the excuses and doubting,
At home within the honest and vulnerable,
Lives the healing power of God.

Come, let us not pretend we do not know these places.

Let us not avoid what is most real.
For in the facing and the accepting,
Lives the healing embrace of God.

OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

**Generous Creator of love and life,
In your welcome embrace
Lies both our hope and healing.
May this time of prayer and listening
Be for us, then, a renewal of spirit
And courage for faith’s journey.
Amen**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

¹After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸(He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: ¹⁹Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! ²⁰Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. ²¹You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. ²²From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. ²³Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. ²⁴O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. ²⁵How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. ²⁶I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. ²⁷How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is

acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the

house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

THE WORD SHARED Rev. James Mohr
“Low Tech – High Touch”

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERING SERVICE

A special thank you to Jim Vradenburg,
Cheryl Steinbach, Jessi Quicker

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Consecration

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.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, Increase our love for one another and let Us show forth your praise in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

THE HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

Words: Fred Pratt Green – Tune: Tallis' Canon)
Katherine K. Davis Karen Mohr

O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
When reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies claim or to be freed.
Yet in our heart we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find.
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach and prosper humankind.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Announcements

WELCOME

We welcome you 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 love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

9 AM Sunday in person. If you are not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to wear masks.

9 AM Sunday and anytime thereafter, you may worship with us on YouTube, UCC-Neillsville. There are links to our Youtube channel on our Facebook pages and website, neillsvilleucc.org and in this email.

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

RADIO BROADCAST

We would like to thank Bob and Ruth Schmidt for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in loving memory of daughter, Tammy Backaus.

The flowers on our altar today are from the Ruth Van Gorden funeral that was held here on Tuesday.

TODAY, June 27 – Recognition of service to Jim Vradenburg, Cheryl Steinbach, Jessi Quicker,

THURSDAY, June 24 – 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting in person