

## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 20, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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### PRELUDE “It Is Well With My Soul”

by John Ness Beck

Karen Mohr

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
God’s mercies never come to an end;

**O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

**Great is your faithfulness**

God says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on the day of salvation I have helped you.” See now is the acceptable time.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

**Great is your faithfulness.**

Jesus encourages all creation, “Peace! Be still.” And all was calm, filled with awe.

**May we encourage one another so we do  
not lose heart.**

**Great is your faithfulness.**

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

When we forget that God’s ways lead to a future filled with hope

**Lord have mercy.**

When we fail to realize the power granted us through faith

**Christ have mercy.**

When we are afraid of the storms and what the future might bring

**Lord have mercy.**

### SILENCE AS WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### A READING FROM THE EPISTLE

Corinthians 6:1-13 CEB

Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>He says, *I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation.* Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

<sup>3</sup>We don’t give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won’t be criticized. <sup>4</sup>Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. <sup>5</sup>We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. <sup>6</sup>We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>telling the truth, and God’s power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. <sup>8</sup>We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, <sup>9</sup>as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, <sup>10</sup>as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

<sup>11</sup>Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open. <sup>12</sup>There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. <sup>13</sup>But as a fair trade—I’m talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being

swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**MEDITATION** Rev. Jacoba Koppert  
*"Wondering If God Is Doing Something New:  
Do Not Lose Heart"*

**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**

**THE HYMN** *"Let All Things Now Living"*  
by Katherine K. Davis Karen Mohr

**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](http://neillsvilleucc.org) and in this email.  
11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM; 1370AM

**RADIO BROADCAST**

**We would like to thank Dolores Johnson for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in loving memory of her daughter, June Feely.**

**TODAY, June 20 – 9:30 – 10:15am** Dairy Give Away

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

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"  
Amen

**POSTLUDE  
BENEDICTION**

**Happy Father's Day!**

