

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 2021

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE Holly Pisors
RINGING OF THE BELLS
WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Lamentations 3; Psalms 30 & 138

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

They are new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness.

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to souls that seek him. It is good that one
should wait quietly for the salvation of the
LORD.

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

Great is your faithfulness.

Although the LORD causes grief, God will
have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love; for God
does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Great is your faithfulness.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for us;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

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 refuse to seek Jesus: his healing
power; his forgiveness; and the new life he
offers

Christ have mercy.

When we forget to listen for the guidance of
the Holy Spirit

Lord have mercy.

SILENCE AS WE CONFESS OUR SIN
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE HYMN "Amazing Grace"

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
grace my fears relieved; How precious did
that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130 (NIV adapted)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³ If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than those who wait for the morning,
more than those who wait for the morning.

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸ The Lord God will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Psalm 30 (CEB)

I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.

² Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help,
and you healed me.

³ Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
brought me back to life from among those
going down to the pit.

⁴ You who are faithful to the Lord,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name!

⁵ His anger lasts for only a second,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping may stay all night,
but by morning, joy!

⁶ When I was comfortable, I said,
 "I will never stumble."
⁷ Because it pleased you, Lord,
 you made me a strong mountain.
 But then you hid your presence.
 I was terrified.
⁸ I cried out to you, Lord.
 I begged my Lord for mercy:
⁹ "What is to be gained by my spilled blood,
 by my going down into the pit?
 Does dust thank you?
 Does it proclaim your faithfulness?"
¹⁰ Lord, listen and have mercy on me!
 Lord, be my helper!"
¹¹ You changed my mourning into dancing.
 You took off my funeral clothes
 and dressed me up in joy
¹² so that my whole being
 might sing praises to you and never stop.
 Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and 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."

²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you

say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And 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. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

MEDITATION Rev. Jacoba Koppert
*"Wondering If God
 Is Doing Something New: New Life"*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Day of New Beginnings"*
 by Bryan Wren arr.
 Holly Pisors, pianist - soloist

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

THE HYMN *"America the Beautiful"*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves
of grain. For purple mountain majesties,
above the fruited plain!

**America! America! God shed his grace on
thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.**

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern,
impassioned stress a throughfare for freedom
beat across the wilderness!

**America! America! God mend thine every
flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty
in law.**

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and
mercy more than life!

**America! America! May God thy gold refine,
'Til all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.**

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond
the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed
by human tears!

**America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.**

POSTLUDE

Holly Pisors

Announcements

WELCOME - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

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

CHURCH CAMP

If any youth is interested in attending UCC camp this summer, we have scholarships available. The council is willing to fund any youth wanting to attend a UCC camp. Contact the church office for an application. There are camps for all ages – the young ones can go to camp with an adult. There are camps with a variety of themes – check it out at UCCI.org

RADIO BROADCAST

We would like to thank Jim & Rosie Repinski for sponsoring this week's radio broadcast in celebration of our Country's freedom and glorious summer days.

WEDNESDAY, July 7th 2pm – Service at Neillsville Retirement Community

THURSDAY, July 8th 9am – Constitution Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, July 8th 1:30pm – CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - Meeting on Zoom

Time: Jul 8, 2021 01:30 PM Join Zoom Meeting