

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Psalm 145:13b-14, 17-19

The Lord is trustworthy and true,

Faithful in all of God's ways.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

And brings us up when we are brought low.

The Lord is just in all ways,

Faithful in all things.

The Lord is close to everyone who calls upon
God;

God hears our cries and will save us.

HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty:

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

OPENING PRAYER²

Your glory flows through all generations,
as you name every family in heaven and on earth.

And so we come to you this day, O God.

Your grace is higher than the farthest star;
your peace is deeper than our greatest
emptiness;

your love spans the abyss of death;

your hope stretches into all eternity.

And so we come to you this day, O Christ.

When our lives bottom out,
your grace is still our bedrock;
when our spirits run dry,
you fill us with your joy;
when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us
to serve with hope and peace.

And so we come to you this day, O Spirit.

God in Community, Holy in One,

we come to you this day,

praying as we have been taught,

THE PRAYER OF OUR FATHER

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.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 3:14-21 (The Common English Bible)

¹⁴This is why I kneel before the Father. ¹⁵Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. ¹⁶I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. ¹⁷I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, ¹⁸I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. ¹⁹I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

²⁰Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; ²¹glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

MEDITATION

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"Great Is Thy Love"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"*

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion;
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then, your new creation;
pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

¹ Rev-o-lution Resources by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell <http://rev-o-lution.org>, (c) 2020.
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² <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com> by Thom M. Shuman

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.

**We highly recommend everyone attending services wear a mask
and practice social distancing.**

Paul Vine, Moderator; Barb Petkovsek, Vice Moderator;
Dave Harnisch, Recording Secretary; Bonnie Weyer, Treasurer

9 AM Sunday in person 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

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

RADIO BROADCAST

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

MONDAY, August 9th – 9:00 am Card Making

SUNDAY, August 15th – 9:00 am Joint Church Service with Calvary at Clark County Fair

