

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE Ashley Volovsek

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus was praying after his baptism, the Holy Spirit of God descended upon him.

Jesus full of the Holy Spirit was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil.

Jesus filled with the power of the Spirit returned to Galilee, where he had grown up and he began to teach.

May God's Spirit descend upon us, lead us and fill us.

Let us worship together in the name of God our Creator, Jesus the Messiah and the Holy Spirit who guides us.

CONFESSION

Holy God, we know you fill us with your Spirit, even as you fill us with the Breath of Life. Yet, we confess, at times fail to allow you to lead us. We are filled with our own wants, our own desires leaving little room for your power to be manifest in us. Forgive us. Renew in us the desire to spend time with you and to be led by your Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"* NCH 283
Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S TIME *"Jesus Teaches"*

THE SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

MEDITATION Pastor Jacoba Koppert
"Changing Direction: Filled with the Holy Spirit"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

HYMN *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* NCH 292
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me
may glow with holy fire.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
of your eternity

**THE BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Ashley Volovsek

**We highly recommend everyone attending
services to wear a mask
and practice social distancing.
UCC Leadership Council**

Announcements

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.

RADIO BROADCAST

**11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM
and 1370AM**

**This week's radio broadcast is sponsored
by a faithful listener.**

- **Sunday, January 23rd -**
9:15 am - Sunday School - in person Zoom
10 am Worship - in person, on YouTube
11am Radio
11 am – 1 pm Confirmation
- **Wednesday, January 26th –**
7:15 pm – Confirmation
- **Friday, January 28th –**
9 am – Constitution Meeting

**PLEASE pick up your
2022 Offering Envelopes and
2021 Contribution Statements
in the Narthex**

Souper Bowl Challenge is on
with Neillsville area churches participating,
now thru Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th
Start bringing your soup cans

to the Narthex.
Last year's count
was close
395 UCC
352 St. Mary's
335 Calvary



**SOUPER
BOWL
CHALLENGE**



We are **looking for help** in hosting coffee
fellowship following Sunday worship.
Duties include picking up donut holes at
IGA, (already paid for by the church)
making coffee, set up and clean up.
Sign-up sheet located in Nart