

**The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Celebrating New Year's Day**

**January 2, 2022**

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

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**PRELUDE** *"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"*

*"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* both by Paul Manz

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**May the mind of Christ be within us as we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL** *"Mary, Did You Know?"*

Greene/Lowry

MacKenzie Keller, Paul Schmidt, Duet

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION<sup>1</sup>**

Will this year be a time of new life, new ways for us - or will we continue to live the same old way? Let us confess to our God our failures, as well as our hopes, as we begin this year.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

**We admit, our moments are full – so full that we neglect you, our God. You give us the time we need to do what must be done, and yet too often we fail to find time to be in relationship**

**with you or serve others. We make promises to you and to ourselves, but do not keep them. Show us again the ways of Jesus so that we might take time to be with you and for one another.**

**\*SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>1</sup>**

It's over - last year is gone. Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past. Today, we begin anew. Today, and every day, God offers us life and hope.

**Here, now, forever - we are forgiven and healed. This year, let us live as forgiven people choosing a new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**

*"God Rest You Merry Gentle Ones"*

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Savior  
Was born upon this day.  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and charity  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others shall replace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and  
a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones,  
and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace,  
and a time to refrain from embracing;  
<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a  
time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I  
have seen the business that God has given to  
everyone to be busy with.

<sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time;  
moreover he has put a sense of past and future  
into their minds, yet they cannot find out what  
God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I  
know that there is nothing better for them than  
to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they  
live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat  
and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I  
know that whatever God does endures forever;  
nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken  
from it; God has done this, so that all should  
stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already  
has been; that which is to be, already is; and God  
seeks out what has gone by.

## MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert  
*"What Time Is It?"*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

##### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The United Church of Christ practices open  
communion. People of all ages who confess  
Jesus Christ as Savior are welcome.*

#### INVITATION<sup>2</sup>

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that  
on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was  
raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene,  
on that same day sat at table with two of his

disciples, and was made known in the breaking of  
the bread.

**All: (*Singing*) This is the joyful feast of the  
people of God.**

**Men and women, youth and children,  
come from the east and the west,  
From the north and the south—  
and gather about Christ's table.**

Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to  
know the presence of Christ and to share in the  
community of God's people.

#### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>1</sup>**

May the God of new beginnings be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who makes all things,  
including us, new.**

Children of God, sing praises to the One who  
gives you new life.

**We praise the One who continues to surprise  
us with hope and grace. (*pastor continues  
prayer*)**

#### **SANCTUS<sup>1</sup>**

**Holy, holy, holy,**

**God of every time and space.**

**All creation sings of Your majesty and glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One**

**who comes in the name of our God.**

**Hosanna in the highest! (*pastor continues  
prayer*)**

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>1</sup>**

**Christ died,**

**Christ rose,**

**Christ will come again.**

#### **CONSECRATION**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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<sup>2</sup>

Eternal God, we thank you for Christ's presence and for his forgiveness and love for all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will and our commitments. Go with us to the streets, to our homes and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

### HYMN "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all gracious King":  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary load,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
By prophet seen of old,  
When, with the evercircling years,  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

### THE BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Karen Mohr

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
After worship – Budget meeting
- Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
9 am - Circle of Friends making cards
- Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> –  
6 pm - Confirmation

**PLEASE pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex**



We are **looking for help** in hosting coffee fellowship following Sunday worship. Duties include picking up donut holes, (already paid for by the church) making coffee, set up and clean up. Please sign up as we would love to continue this to encourage fellowship.