

The Sixth Sunday Epiphany
February 13, 2022
United Church of Christ, Neillsville
Pastor Jacoba Koppert

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PRELUDE *"Canon in D"* Johann Pachelbel
Karen Mohr

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Lord, you are my hope and trust; upon you I have leaned since my birth. My praise is continually of you.

Let us worship God; give thanks to Jesus and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, you have offered us healing; yet we neglect to come to him. We want his blessings yet fail to hear him. You encourage us to trust you, but we deny Christ's power to improve our lives. Forgive us; motivate us to touch Jesus and be touched by him so that his power might heal us.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus loves us, this we know for the Bible tells us so. To Him we belong. We are weak, but he is strong. His love is powerful; his love is never ending. Through his love we are forgiven.

Lead us Holy One that we might seek and follow Jesus more fully. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME *"Jesus Blesses"*

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Alexander John Vine

Son of

Ashley (Edgington) Vine and Travis Vine

Godparents: Jason and Hannah Raine

WELCOME

Congregational Responses

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God.

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

Pastor continues

This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with the new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GOD-PARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

ACT OF PRAISE *"Borning Cry"*

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well.
I'll be there when you wander off
and find where demons dwell.**

**When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the Living God,
to whom you now belong.**

**Should you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.**

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PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

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THE SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that

is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Jesus' Power"

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

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Make Me a Blessing"*

Al Hailey

**Make me a blessing, touch me today.
Lord, please use me, in your own way.
Washed of your spirit, humble and low,
into your service, Lord, let me go.
Lord, take these hands; Lord take these feet
into the paths you bid me go
Lord, make my life complete.
Short is our time, Lord, help us to know
where we may serve you, then bid us go.
Make me a blessing, touch me, I pray;
Lord, please guide me, oh, Father, today.**

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Karen Mohr

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 Pat Acheson and Herman Seebandt
in honor of Pastor Jacoba's inspiring and thought
provoking meditations and her beliefs in diversity
as "All are Welcome
in the United Church of Christ churches".

- Today, February 13th –
Annual Meeting following worship
- Tuesday, February 15th –
5:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
6:30 pm – Leadership Council Meeting
- Wednesday, February 16th –
6:15 pm Confirmation
- Sunday, February 20th –
Rite of Confirmation
- Sunday, February 27th –
Pastor Jacoba's last worship service
at UCC-Neillsville

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

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



We are **looking for help** in hosting coffee
fellowship following Sunday worship. Duties
include picking up donut holes (which are 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.

