

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

by Dale Wood 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

God of the Prophets and our God, you have plans for us. You call us to speak your truth. We would rather not do the hard things you expect of us. Too often we profess we are ready to go where you send us, but then we ignore our promise to be faithful to you. In the name of Jesus, forgive our failure to do what would be pleasing to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME *"I Am Only a Child"*

THE SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and

the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Changing Direction: God's Call"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion¹

INVITATION

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

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.

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor continues prayer

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your Glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

By eating this bread and drinking this cup,
we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection,
and await Christ's coming again.

Amen! Come Christ Jesus!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this
bread and cup and all of us with the
outpouring of your Holy Spirit.
Through this meal, make us the body of
Christ, the church, your servant people, that
we may be salt and light, and leaven for the
furtherance of your will in all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

BREAKING AND THE POURING

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.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you
have refreshed us at your table by granting
us the presence of Jesus Christ.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us
faithful to your will, 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 "Here I Am Lord"

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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 hear God's call,
Seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast is
sponsored by Dan Patey in loving
memory of wife, Elvira Patey.

- Today, February 6th –
9:15 am - Sunday School
- Tuesday, February 8th –
5:00 pm – Deacons
- Wednesday, February 9th –
6:15 pm – Confirmation
- Thursday, February 10th –
1:30 pm - Circle of Friends Meeting
- Friday, February 11th –
9:00 am - Constitution
- Sunday, February 13th –
Annual Meeting following worship
- Sunday, February 20th –
Rite of Confirmation
- Sunday, February 27th –
Farewell to Pastor Jacoba

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



Welcome February

Super Bowl Challenge is on

with participating
Neillsville area
churches. Bring your
soup cans now thru
Super Bowl Sunday,
February 13th
**ONLY ONE WEEK
LEFT**



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 Narthex.

