

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

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**PRELUDE** Holly Pisors

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We were called together – nine years ago and  
also this morning.

**God brought us together then and brings us  
together today – to worship and serve.**

Jesus called his disciples- he also calls us.

**Thanks be to God whose steadfast faith and love  
is trustworthy.**

Let us be seekers of the Triune God who calls  
God's beloved people in all time and places.

**\*OPENING CHORUS** *"Seekers of Your Heart"*

**Lord, we want to know you, live our lives to  
show you all the love we owe you; we're  
seekers of your heart.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

O God, you are beyond words and description,  
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.  
Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the  
glory of your transfiguration.

We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** *"Gloria Patri"*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *"Jesus Loves You"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Samuel S. Wesley

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** *Luke 9:28-36*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus  
took with him Peter and John and James, and

went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he  
was praying, the appearance of his face changed,  
and his clothes became dazzling  
white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and  
Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory  
and were speaking of his departure, which he  
was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now  
Peter and his companions were weighed down  
with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they  
saw his glory and the two men who stood with  
him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said  
to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let  
us make three dwellings, one for you, one for  
Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what  
he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came  
and overshadowed them; and they were terrified  
as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud  
came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my  
Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had  
spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept  
silent and in those days told no one any of the  
things they had seen

**MEDITATION** Pastor Jacoba Koppert  
*"Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus"*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TIMES OF PASSAGE: TIME OF FAREWELL**

**LEADER** - Vice Moderator, Barb Petkovsek

Our church family is constantly changing.  
People come and go. Babies are born. Children  
grow up. People commit themselves to one

another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives, Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings, Today we share the time of farewell with a friend who is leaving.

#### REMEMBRANCE AND PRESENTATION

##### ENDING OF AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

LEADER – *The Rev. Don Bauman, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Northwest Association*

On April 7, 2013 this local church called Pastor Jacoba Koppert to serve as pastor and teacher.

AUTHORIZED MINISTER - *The Rev. Jacoba M. Koppert*

I thank United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these nearly nine years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

PEOPLE **We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

AUTHORIZED MINISTER I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

#### **VOWS OF RELEASE**

*All who are able may stand for these words*

LEADER Do you, the members and friends of United Church of Christ - Neillsville release Pastor Jacoba Koppert from the duties of pastor and teacher?

PEOPLE **We do, with the help of God.**

LEADER Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry soon to begin as Pastor and Teacher of Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Pinckney, Michigan?

PEOPLE **We do, with the help of God.**

LEADER Do you, Jacoba, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER I do, with the help of God.

LEADER Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER I do with the help of God.

#### WITNESS OF THE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

*(Leadership Council members come forward)*

On behalf of the Northwest Association Wisconsin Conference and the United Church of Christ,

I witness to the words spoken; words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

#### OFFICERS OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *All who are able may stand.*

ALL **God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we have together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

HYMN *Forward through the Ages* F.H. Hosmer

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
Manifold in service, one the sure reward.**

**Refrain**

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wide grows God’s dominion, reign of love and peace;  
For it we must labor, till all strivings cease,  
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified,  
Poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died,

**Refrain**

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
In each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.  
Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole,  
Move we on together to the shining goal.

**Refrain**

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

**THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Holly Pisors

**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**

**Pastor Jacoba Koppert sponsors our radio  
broadcast today to the glory of God and in honor  
of our radio broadcast listeners with gratitude to  
Kevin Grap, his family and employees of WCCN.**



- **Today, February 27<sup>th</sup>** –  
Pastor Jacoba’s last worship service at UCC-Neillsville. Following worship refreshments will be served in the community hall to bid Pastor Jacoba adieu.
- **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** –  
9:00 am Card Making

**Sunday School** We will continue to meet on Sundays at 9:15 am for all kids ages 3K thru 6th grade in person and via Zoom for both groups. Please let us know if joining on Zoom, so we make sure to watch and let you into the meeting.



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.

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