

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE *“Consecration” “Ode to Joy”*

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“No Matter Who You are or Where You are on Life’s Journey, You are Welcome Here!!”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, Our Shepherd, we are welcomed into the family of God. Let us worship God together in faith, hope and love.

All: We lift our eyes, thoughts and hearts to you, O God. Your pastoral care of all of us brings us together. We offer our praise and thanks to you for shepherding our church family and the whole United Church of Christ.

We pray for blessings, instructions and peace through our Welcoming Shepherd, Jesus.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise to be with us through all life’s joys and challenges; we hear your up-lifting call to turn toward you, to open our hearts and minds and welcome you in.

Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!

HYMN *“There’s a Spirit in the Air”*

#294 NCH Brian Wren

- 1. There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world!'**
- 2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 3. When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**
- 4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 5. When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**
- 6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 7. There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LESSON: Reader - Paul Vine

Gospel: John 21:1-13

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

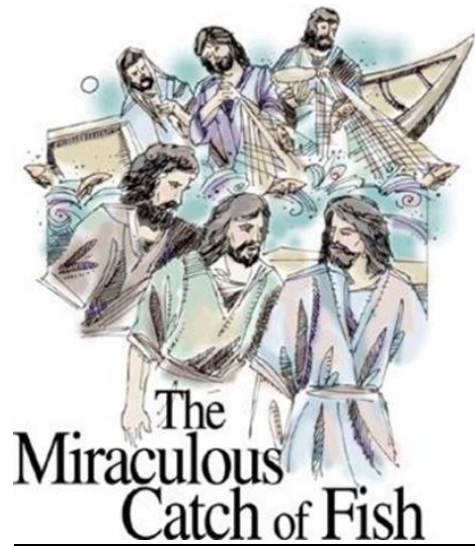
He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.



SERMON "What, More Change?"
Pastor Gary Wilner

HYMN "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Video

**PASTORAL, SILENT and
OUR LORD'S PRAYERS** (in Unison)

Our God 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING
OFFERTORY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

CLOSING SONG *“Jesu Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

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Tom Colvin

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1 Knelt at the feet of his friends,
silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them. [Refrain]**

**2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]**

**3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]**

**4 Loving puts us on our knees,
showing our faith by our deeds,
serving the neighbors we have from you. [Refrain]**

**5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

JOYS AND CONCERNS



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

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

**This week’s radio broadcast
is sponsored by
Ruth and Bob Schmidt
In Loving Memory of
Sister, Eunice Artac**

- **Monday, May 16th**
9:00 am – Card Making Group
- **Tuesday, May 17th**
5:30 pm – Trustees meeting
7:00 pm – Leadership meeting
- **Wednesday, May 18th**
8:00 pm – By-Laws meeting
- **Saturday, May 21st**
8:30 am – Volunteers
of Interfaith Care
Givers meet at St.
Mary’s for breakfast
prior to work

