

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 26, 2022**  
United Church of Christ, Neillsville  
Pastor Gary Wilner

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**PRELUDE**

*"Amazing Grace"*          John Ness Beck  
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!!"***

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Though our hearts may be grieving,  
we come risking joy:

**All: God is our balm.**

Leader: Though we weep over the woes of  
the day, we are here seeking hope:

**All: God soothes our discomfort.**

Leader: Though our lives are often difficult,  
we gather for strength:

**All: God restores our souls and cares for us;  
God calms our anguish and dries our tears.**

**Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in  
God, ever our source of solace in our daily  
journey, ever our comforter in times of trial.  
Amen**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**God of our hearts, you are our Physician in  
times of hurt; your balm heals our wounds.  
You hear our prayers, intercessions and  
supplications.**

**Your presence is pleasing to us and we  
welcome you.**

**Together in your sanctuary, connecting via  
YouTube or radio, we rejoice in your  
embrace of us  
and offer you our boundless praise    Amen!**

**HYMN**

*"All People That on Earth do Dwell"*  
#7 NCH vs 1-3          William Kethe

**1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
Delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**2 Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.**

**3 Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.**

*Follow With*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

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Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER,  
THE LORDS 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**

### **READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1**

Reader      Wayne Voss

The first Old Testament reading this morning is from Jeremiah chapter 8 verse 18 through chapter 9 verse 1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The second Old Testament reading is Psalm 113

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people. He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.

And our New Testament lesson is from 1st Timothy chapter 2 verses 1 through 7

Instructions on Worship

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

**SERMON**      *"There is a Balm in Gilead!"*

**HYMN**      *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

# 553 NCH

*(Wonderful African-American spiritual)*

Karen Mohr

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead**

**To make the wounded whole**

**There is a balm in Gilead**

**To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**1 Sometimes I feel discouraged**

**And think my work's in vain**

**But then the Holy Spirit**

**Revives my soul again.**

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead**

**To make the wounded whole**

**There is a balm in Gilead**

**To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**2 Don't ever feel discouraged  
For Jesus is your friend  
And if you lack of knowledge  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.**

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**3 If you cannot preach like Peter  
If you cannot pray like Paul  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say, "He died for all".**

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

#### **SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING**

##### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**God, as your church we reflect your hopes for  
humanity. We offer our gifts and ask you to  
guide us to careful and loving management of  
all we are given in order to further your work  
in our midst. Amen**

**HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

#25 NCH Isaac Watts William Croft

**1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:**

**2 Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.**

**3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.**

**4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

#### **SHARING OUR 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 Sue and Jim Popple  
in loving memory of parents,  
Norm & Phyllis Embke**

No other announcements for upcoming week.

