

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022
United Church of Christ, Neillsville
Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE

on *"the King of Love"* Gordon Young
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!!"*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Ever-living God, you are like the sea:
Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant.
Let us feel your refreshing presence as we gather
near your waters to wade in the possibilities of
life that you offer us this day. Amen

HYMN *"Great Is Your Faithfulness"*

Leading us: Kelly and Steve Brumm

Great is your faithfulness, O God my Creator;
There is no shadow of turning we see;
You do not change, your compassions, they fail not;
All of your goodness forever will be.

[Chorus]

Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed your hand has provided;
Great is your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

[Chorus]

Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed your hand has provided;
Great is your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Chorus]

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**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

Reader – Jenny Erickson

New Testament:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

We work together with God. So we are asking you not to receive God's grace and then do nothing with it. ² He says, "When I had mercy on you, I heard you. On the day I saved you, I helped you." (*Isaiah 49:8*)

I tell you, now is the time God has mercy. Now is the day he saves.

We don't put anything in anyone's way. So no one can find fault with our work for God. Instead, we make it clear that we serve God in every way. We serve him by standing firm in troubles, hard times and suffering. We don't give up when we are beaten or put in prison. When people stir up trouble in the streets, we continue to serve God. We work hard for him. We go without sleep and food. We remain pure. We understand completely what it means to serve God. We are patient and kind. We serve him in the power of the Holy Spirit. We serve him with true love. We speak the truth. We serve in the power of God. We hold the weapons of godliness in the right hand and in the left. We serve God in times of glory and shame. We serve him whether the news about us is bad or good. We are true to our calling. But people treat us as if we were pretenders. We are known, but people treat us as if we were unknown. We are dying, but we continue to live. We are beaten, but we are not killed. We are sad, but we are always full of joy. We are poor, but we make many people rich. We have nothing, but we own everything.

Believers at Corinth, we have spoken freely to you. We have opened our hearts wide to you. We are not holding back our love from you. But you are holding back your love from us. I speak to you as if you were my children. It is only fair that you open your hearts wide to us also.

Gospel:

Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm

When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him. A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?"

He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?" They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

MESSAGE *"Why Are You So Afraid"*

Pastor Gary

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our church new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.

SONG *"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"*

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Edward Hopper

**1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass ever be;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

2 As a mother stills her child,
you can hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey your will
when you say to them, "Be still."
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar,
Keeping me from peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on your breast,
May I hear your words so true,
"Fear not, I will pilot you."

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CLOSING VIDEO *"Remember"*



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 anonymously
"In Praise of God".**



- **Monday, August 1st**
9:00 am – Card Making
12 Noon – Clark County Interfaith Caregivers Meet

- **Tuesday, August 2nd**
5:00 pm – Deacons Meeting

- **Sunday, August 7th**
Following Worship Service – 2nd Visioning
Workshop

The **House of Mercy** in Loyal will be hosting a fundraising dinner on **Wednesday, August 3rd** at the El Norteno Mexican Grill in Curtiss beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and may be purchased or reserved by calling Judy Morrow a 715-743-2885 or email at judydonmorrow@hotmail.com.