

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE

"Break Thou The Bread"

Wm. Sherwin/ Alice Jordan

Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"Welcome!
No Matter Who You are,
or Where You are on
Life's Journey,
You are Welcome Here!!"*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: At one time we were without Christ - aliens from the commonwealth of Israel.

All: We were strangers to the covenants of promise,

having no hope and without God in the world.

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ.

All: He is our peace; in his flesh he has broken down the walls that divide us.

Leader: He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

All: Through him we have access in one Spirit to God.

Leader: We are members of the household of God - built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

All: He is our peace, our hope and our salvation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in Unison)

Loving God, your steadfast love never ceases and your mercies never come to an end. Your touch turns deserts into pools of living water. As you embrace the land, its yield abounds. With wisdom you implant goodness and justice. We proclaim your virtue. We thank you for breaking down the walls that divide us one from the other and the barriers that separate us from you. Be with us in this time of worship as we and our brothers and sisters around the world lift up your most holy name; we ask it through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

SONG *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#28 NCH Author: Folliott Sanford Pierpoint

Tune: Kocher

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,**

Refrain:

**Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Refrain:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4 For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Refrain:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

New Testament: II Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Reader – Barb Shoemaker

**The first reading today is from 2nd Timothy
chapter 1 verses 1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on

the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Our Gospel Reading for today is Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

May God add understanding to this reading of the Scriptures.

MESSAGE

"That They All Be One"

Pastor Gary

Song "We Are Many, We Are One"

Kelly and Steven Brumm

We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, you offer life to us in one who came to serve. With our brothers and sisters around the world, grant us such faith that we will seek good and maintain justice. As we dedicate our offerings to you, so bind us together at our Lord's table and stir the gifts You have placed in us that we might truly serve you and magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn:

As we gather at your Table,
As we listen to your Word,

Help us know, O God, your presence:
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

EXHORTATION

CONFESSION OF SINS (Unison)

Almighty God, parent of our Lord Jesus Christ, I know that I have not done all the things I should have and done some things that I should not have. When I remember them, it makes me sad. I am sorry. Sometimes I feel so bad that I feel I am no longer worthy to be called your child. Forgive me Lord. Give me peace and strength to lead a good life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ, my Lord I pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION, INVOCATION,
AND 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

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG *"Give Thanks"*
Video

JOYS AND CONCERNS

POSTLUDE

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

Youtube link for October 2, 2022
<https://youtu.be/gtM6rFBLUFc>

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by Phil & Donita Follen
in celebration of
Fifty-two years of marriage.

Tuesday, October 4th –
1 PM – Bible Study - Matthew- Chapters 9,10
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home
510 W 14th Street



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

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OCTOBER 2ND**

