

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**  
United Church of Christ, Neillsville  
Pastor Gary Wilner

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**PRELUDE**

*"Kum Ba Yah"*      John A. Behnke  
   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!!"*

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED MESSAGE**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Come away from the gods of your own creation to worship the living God.

**ALL: We leave our anxious toil and worries to find rest in our creators' presence.**

Pastor: Turn from preoccupation with earthly things to ponder truths that are eternal.

**ALL: Before all the wonders of creation that we can see, we come to ponder realities that are unseen.**

Pastor: Fear not, for God is your shield, your reward shall be very great

**ALL: God gathers us together in covenant, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (in Unison)

**Eternal One, who grants us rest and raises us to a new day, we give thanks for your watchful care. As you gather us in this somewhat challenging way, we open ourselves to the vision you would set before us. Help us to build with you the kind of community that welcomes your prophets and responds in love to all your children. Amen**

**SONG**      *"I Love to Tell The Story"*  
Video

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER 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 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**

**READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

Reader –

The Hebrew Scripture reading this morning is from the Psalm Of David chapter 27

Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

And from Philippians 3:17 and 4:1

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

The Gospel reading is Luke 13: 31- 35

(Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem)

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*May God add understanding to this reading of the Scriptures.*

**HYMN** "This is My Song" Lloyd Stone

**#591 NCH** This Is My Song [#60616](#)

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**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is:  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are every where as blue as mine,  
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**MESSAGE**

*"We Bumble at Humble"*

*Pastor Gary*

**SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING**

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**As our spiritual ancestors brought sacrifices to your altar, O God, we bring our treasures for your blessing. Use all our resources to gather earth's children under your wings, where we may dwell in safety and security, in mutual love and growing commitment. Amen.**

**SONG** "Oh Jesus, I have Promised"

**#493 NCH**

John E. Bode

**1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my Savior and my Friend;  
I shall not fear life's struggles  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**

**2 O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen,  
O guardian of my soul!**

**3 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow  
my Savior and my Friend!**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**



**WELCOME BACK CHILDREN,  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!**

**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

Youtube link for September 25, 2022  
<https://youtu.be/x6qvM8tV-HM>

This week's radio broadcast  
is sponsored by Bob & Ruth Schmidt  
in memory of  
Pat Mohr, Sister-in-law  
and Albert Mohr, Dad.

**Tuesday, September 27th** –  
1 PM – Bible Study - Matthew- Chapters 7,8  
\*every week at Marge Goetsch's home  
510 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street



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