

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE

"Pavane"

Gabriel Faur'e arranged by Gilbert Martin
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: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: For in Christ we find in all fullness
the holiness, the justice, the hope of God.**

Leader: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: To feel God's life in us flowing
through our roots in Christ and establishing
our faith.**

Leader: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: To celebrate the mystery of God-
with-us: Christ, who lives fully in us and in
whom we fully live.**

**All: Let us welcome the One who was sent to
make us alive in the fullness of God. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in Unison)

**God, we know you will come to us and give us
what is good.**

**Let your glory fill the landscape of our hearts
so that it will yield an increase of love for you.
Speak peace to us, your faithful, and to all
who yearn for you.**

**Help us to be willing to do as you ask,
that we may rejoice to be children of the
living God.**

**For we know that as we ask, it will be given
and as we knock, the door will be opened to
us.**

**Come, bring your goodness to us your
children. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *"O for a Thousand Tongues
to Sing"*
#42 NCH Charles Wesley

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!**

**4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

New Testament: Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Readers – Mike and Deb Perkl

Colossians 2:6-19

Fullness of Life in Christ

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

PASTORAL, SILENT AND OUR 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

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to do your will and to co-create with you on earth as in heaven. Take the gifts we offer to bring about your purposes. Amen

HYMN *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
#505 NCH William Walford

1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Maker's throne
let all my needs and wants be known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for your return!
With them I hasten to the place
where I would know my Savior's face,
And gladly take my station there,
and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
whose wings shall my petition bear
to One whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since I'm bid to seek God's face,
believe God's word, and trust God's grace,
I'll cast away my every care,
and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

SERMON

"Can We Talk?" Pastor Gary

HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
#506 NCH Joseph Scriven

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to our God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to our God in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to our God in prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG *"The Lord's Prayer"*

Andrea Bocelli
and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

POSTLUDE

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 October 16, 2022
<https://youtu.be/XsDP5En3lok>

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jim John Filitz, In remembrance of his parents, Jim & Anne Filitz Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday, October 16th –
after worship – meal giveaway

Monday, October 17th –
9:00 AM – Circle of Friends Card Making

Tuesday, October 18th –
1 PM – Bible Study - Matthew- Chapters 13,14
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home
510 W 14th Street
5:30 PM – Trustees Meeting
7:30 PM – Leadership Council Meeting



Sunday, October 23rd

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10:00 AM – Polka Worship Service
& Volunteer Recognition -Invite a friend



WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Annual Fall Clean-up sponsored by Interfaith Care Givers will take place **Saturday, October 29**. Breakfast will be served at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to rake leaves for community members unable to do so.

Both volunteers and those requesting assistance please call Judy Morrow, Program Director, at 1-715-743-2885 or the church office 715-743-2147 by October 22. We are also in need of volunteers to help serve breakfast contact Doris Bakker 715-743-4215.
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