

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23, 2022  
THANK YOU/POLKA SUNDAY  
United Church of Christ, Neillsville  
Pastor Gary Wilner



Songs & Hymns  
played by  
Richie Yurkovich Band

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PRELUDE "High Above the Clouds"

RINGING OF THE BELLS Pastor Gary

OPENING SONG "Polka Celebration"

When you're feeling down and out  
and need some cheering up.  
I'm going to tell you what you need to do.  
Get on out and listen  
to your favorite Polka Service,  
It's guaranteed to help you, chase away the blues.

Chorus: We're going to have a polka celebration,  
You bring your friends out and I'll bring mine.  
We're going to have a polka celebration,  
We'll go to Polka Service and celebrate with love.

The music has that magic  
that will set your heart a whirl,  
It's happy rhythm makes you feel so fine.  
It's got that touch of happiness,  
A smile that cheers you up,  
There's nothing like the Polka Service  
any place or any time.

Chorus: We're going to have a polka celebration,  
You bring your friends out and I'll bring mine.  
We're going to have a polka celebration,  
We'll go to Polka Service and celebrate with love.

WELCOME

M.E. Sjolín

AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

-STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

-OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*"Come Into God's House"*

Come into God's house,  
join us in worship and praise!  
Come into God's house,  
hearts, hands and voices we'll raise.  
Our God is present,  
standing with arms open wide,  
Longing to forgive His children,  
draw us to His side.

Come now and worship,  
come now and worship the Lord.  
Come now and worship,  
join as we sing and adore.  
Gather together,  
give God the praise that is due.  
Hear us as we worship, singing praise to you.

One in the spirit, eager to feed on Your word.  
One in the spirit, sharing our love in the Lord.  
In prayer united,  
here at the throne of His grace.  
Take the joy of Jesus with you,  
when you leave this place.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jo Ann Voss

(in Unison)

**Dear Jesus, You have no body now but ours. No hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which you look with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which you walk to do good. Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are your body. Help us to understand Jesus, that your body on earth is our body. Be with us as we worship this morning and as we celebrate with music and honor those in our church who are using their bodies to bring your kingdom on earth today. Amen**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Stephanie Heck

Children's Sing Along: *"You Are My Sunshine"*

( 5 Times Through)

1<sup>st</sup> time - Only the Band will play so we can hear the tune

2<sup>nd</sup> time -The second time children sing and the band will play

3<sup>rd</sup> time - Children will sing and the band will both sing and play

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> times -The last two times everyone sings and the band plays

**You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are grey  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
Please don't take my sunshine away**

## PASTORAL, SILENT, LORD'S PRAYER

Dave Harnisch

**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 – Jo Ann Voss

Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gifts they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Philippians 2:4 "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others."

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted"

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Psalm 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise

## MESSAGE

*"We Appreciate being Appreciated!"*

Pastor Gary

## MUSIC

*"Let the Son Shine In"*

### Chorus:

**So let the Son shine in, shake hands with your neighbor  
Happiness will never leave your heart.  
So let the Son shine in, shake hands with your neighbor  
Happiness will never leave your heart.**

**Joyful hope, love of God and smiling faces,  
Is the heritage we have as sons of God.  
New we celebrate as one and sons of God.**

### Chorus:

**On the job, in your home, or at a party,  
People wishing all their friends the peace of Christ.  
Happy feelings in the air, forget your troubles and your cares.  
And join all those who share the peace of Christ.**

### Chorus:

**SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING**

Dave Harnisch

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God of love and grace, help us carry your love to all those in need through our offering. Guide us in understanding what you would have us do in service to all that you call your children In Jesus name we pray. Amen

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR HONORS**

presented by M.E. Sjolin

**BENEDICTION**

**POLKA POSTLUDE**

*“Long Live Our Brothers and Sisters”*

When polka music fills the air,  
our lives are full and free,  
When people dance so merrily,  
our faces shine with glee.  
When we hear songs of happiness,  
and shouts of E,I,O,  
Long live our brothers, long live our sisters,  
good health, and happiness.  
Long live our brothers, long live our sisters,  
good health, and happiness.

Brothers and sisters gather round,  
let’s all hold hand in hand,  
His love embraces all the world,  
and blesses every land.  
Let’s keep on singing songs of joy,  
and shouts of E,I,O,  
Long live our brothers, long live our sisters,  
good health, and happiness.  
Long live our brothers, long live our sisters,  
good health, and happiness.

**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

youtube link for October 23, 2022

<https://youtu.be/XsDP5En3lok>

**This week’s radio broadcast is sponsored by an anonymous donor  
“In Praise of God”**

**Sunday, October 23rd** –  
Refreshments after worship

**Tuesday, October 25th** –  
1 PM – Bible Study - Matthew- Chapters 15,16  
\*every week at Marge Goetsch’s home  
510 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street

**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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