

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 9, 2022**

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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### **PRELUDE**

"Berceuse"

Felix Mendelssohn/arranged by David Paxton  
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: O give thanks to our God who is  
good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

**All: The people God loves have been gathered  
in from the east and from the west, from the  
north and from the south.**

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no  
safety, hungry and thirsty.

**All: In their trouble they cried out to God  
who delivered them from distress.**

Leader: Let us thank our God for steadfast love  
for all humankind.

**All: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the  
hungry with good things. O give thanks to our  
God who is good, Whose steadfast love  
endures forever!**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (in Unison)

**Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks  
for your steadfast love and to experience  
afresh your desire to gather all people into  
communities of safety, justice and peace.**

**With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into  
"a new self" in your image: generous,  
compassionate, welcoming.**

**Baptized into Christ, we seek to love all of our  
sisters and brothers with Christ's inclusive  
love that sees beyond difference and extends  
the hand of peace to strangers.**

**Send your Spirit among us and inspire our  
imaginations and wills in the things that make  
for peace, for we pray in the name of the One  
who was called the Prince of Peace, Amen.**

**SONG** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
#31 NCH Cecil F. Alexander

#### **Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
our dear God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**

**2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one. [Refrain]**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### 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**

### READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

**Psalm 107:1-9 and 43**

**Psalm 49:1-12**

Reader – Wendy Sigurdson

Psalm 107:1-9 and 43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.  
Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

The second lesson is Psalm 49 verses 1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,  
both low and high, rich and poor alike:  
My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.

I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle: Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?

No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them— the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough— so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others.

Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves.

People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish

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

### MESSAGE

*"Who Decides and When?" Pastor Gary*

SONG *"Take My Life and Let It Be!"*

Frances R. Havergal

**1 Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.**

**3 Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.**

**4 Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.**

## **SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING**

### **Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

Loving and merciful God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all the ways in which you have blessed our lives.

We offer these gifts to remember that you are the source of our hope and our peace. With our gifts we commit ourselves to serve you and to work for peace in this world. Bless these gifts that they might be used in ministries of service, restoration, and reconciliation. Amen.

## **PARTING MUSIC**

*"May the Love of God Rain Down on You"*

Kelly & Steve Brumm

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

## **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 9, 2022

<https://youtu.be/opV7hB5Pbl8>

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by  
Byrl & Sharon Buddenhagen  
in honor of their  
Fifty-Ninth Wedding Anniversary  
and their son,  
Kevin & Jody Buddenhagen's  
Eighteenth Wedding Anniversary.

### **Tuesday, October 11th** –

1 PM – Bible Study - Matthew- Chapters 11,12

\*every week at Marge Goetsch's home  
510 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street

5 PM – Deacon's Meeting

### **Thursday, October 13th** –

1:30 PM – Circle of Friends Meeting

### **Sunday, October 16th** –

after worship – meal giveaway

### **Sunday, October 23rd** –

10:00 AM – Polka Worship Service

The Annual Fall Clean-up sponsored by Interfaith Care Givers will take place **Saturday, October 29.**

Breakfast will be served at UCC at 8:00 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.