

All Saints Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 6, 2022
United Church of Christ – Pastor Gary Wilner
Neillsville, WI 54456

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PRELUDE “*Sing to the Lord*” Lani Smith
Deon Spangler

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

*No matter who you are or where you
are on life’s journey, YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 25:6-9 NRSV adapted

⁶On the mountain the Lord of hosts will make for
all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-aged wines strained clear.

**Will this be the Lord’s Supper? Will this feast be
the heavenly banquet?**

Yes! Both and more! God will destroy on this
mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will
swallow up death forever.

**⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears
from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he
will take away from all the earth, for
the Lord has spoken.**

This is the Lord our God for whom we have
waited so that he might save us.

Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Almighty God, We are in awe of your magnificent
power displayed through the entire universe, for
through you all things were made and all things
have their own being. We come before you with
grateful thanks and with hearts that long to adore
you and worship only you. Lord, may we know the**

**presence of the Holy Spirit here with us today. May
we be open to your leading, sensitive to you
speaking and alert to your calling. We invite the
same power that was at work when Jesus was
raised from the grave to be present with us here
now. Thank you for being a felt presence again this
morning. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“*How Can I Keep From Singing*” Robert Lowry
#476 NCH

**My life flows on in endless song;
above earth’s lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul-
How can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die?
My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather round?
A new song Christ is giving.
Nor storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I’m clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?**

**When tyrants tremble sick with fear,
And hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?**

**I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,**

Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's-
How can I keep from singing?

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 39: 4-7 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18

Reader – Jenny Romens Erickson

Psalm 39: 4-7

⁴ Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. ⁵ You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight. Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.

Selah ⁶ Surely everyone goes about like a shadow. Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; they heap up, and do not know who will gather. ⁷ And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.

1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^a about those who have died,^b so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.^c ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.^d ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

MEDITATION

"Why Are We Here?"

Pastor Gary Wilner

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

God is in this place.

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Jesus grieves with us; Jesus weeps with us.

God embraces us with comfort; God wipes away our tears.

REMEMBERING

We remember:

Pastor Invitation

We invite families to come forward as their loved one is named, light a candle and offer a sentence or two of remembrance.

Annette Felser

Marilyn Marty

Dorothy Mohr

Hanna Opelt

Lorraine Shaw

Kathy Turner

Bernard Walker

And we remember all those who have gone before us.

We invite those who wish to light a candle for loved ones you would like remembered today, to come up one family at a time. You are invited to name them if you wish.

PRAYER

Pastor Gary

HYMN *"For All the Saints"* Wm. W. Howe
#299 NCH vs. 1-2

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true
light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE STORY

PRAYER

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #473 *"Blessed Assurance"*
Phoebe Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

THE BENEDICTION

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 November 6, 2022
<https://youtu.be/AjUBe2o9HDM>

This week's radio broadcast is
sponsored by
Phil & Donita Follen
"In Honor of the Church Family"

Today, November 6th –



10 AM -Worship will include
communion and observance of
All Saint's Day

Tuesday, November 8th –

1 PM – Bible Study - *every week
at Marge Goetsch's home- 510 W 14th Street

4:30 PM – Deacon's meeting

Thursday, November 10th –

1:30 PM – Circle of Friends meeting

Saturday, November 12th –

9 -1 – Holiday Fair

