

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE *"Sweet Hour of Prayer" with "Nocturne"*

Wm. Bradbury/Felix Mendelsohn

arr. Anna Laura Page

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!!"*

CENTERING SONG:

"This is My Song, O God of All the Nations"

#591 NCH

Lloyd Stone

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 everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us who are lame, spring up and
dance.

ALL: Let us who are blind, look up and dream.

Let us who are deaf, hear and rejoice.

ALL: Let us who are mute, shout and sing.

Our God will not be left without a faithful
witness.

**ALL: For we shall bless the name of the Lord
forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O God your dwelling is with your creation;
your tabernacle is the earth and your
sanctuary the sky. You uphold all who are
falling, and you raise up all who are
burdened; you are near to all those who call
upon you and you are close to those who
remain silent. We are grateful for your
gracious presence Lord, and we open
ourselves to you. Claim us as your habitation,
and make of us your holy city- a city where all
your creatures may dwell without mourning,
or crying, or pain, anymore. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

#391 NCH

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1 In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

**2 Through the flood of starving people,
Warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain]**

**3 As we stand a world divided
By our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
Might envision wider dreams. [Refrain]**

**4 We are man and we are woman,
All persuasions old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
Each a love song to be sung. [Refrain]**

**5 Should the threats of dire predictions
Cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
Resurrect the church again. [Refrain]**

PASTORAL, SILENT, 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

Reader – Reese Ziegler

Hebrew Testament: Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. ¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

New Testament

Revelation 21 1-6

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Let those who have ears to hear, hear...

MESSAGE

“A New Place”

Pastor Gary

Invitation to Share our Gifts

PRAYER OF DECICATION (Unison)

Bless, O Lord, all the gifts that we make to this your church. Help to guide us as we use them in your ministry through this church serving all your children here and around the world. Amen

SONG *"Joys are Flowing Like a River"*
#284 NCH Manie Payne Ferguson

1 Joys are flowing like a river,
since the Comforter has come;
Christ abides with us forever,
makes the trusting heart a home.

Refrain:

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,
and the billows cease to roll.

2 Bringing life and health and gladness
all around, this heavenly Guest
Banished unbelief and sadness,
changed our weariness to rest. [Refrain]

3 Like the rain that falls from heaven,
like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Spirit too is given,
coming on us from on high. [Refrain]

4 See, a fruitful field is growing,
blessed fruit of righteousness;
And the streams of life are flowing
in the lonely wilderness. [Refrain]

5 What a wonderful salvation,
when we always see Christ's face,
What a perfect habitation,
what a quiet resting place! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION (*Pastor*)

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 13th
https://youtu.be/k3GlpG_BGWs

This week's radio broadcast is in
honor of Gordon and Faith Vine
sponsored by their children,
Jane Nelson Virginia Fennema
Paul Vine Jeff Vine
Kris Kirschoffer

Saturday, November 12th –
9 AM – 1 PM Holiday Fair

Tuesday, November 15th –
1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home
5-7 PM Optimist Club Mtg in Fellowship Hall
5 PM – Trustees – Meeting Upstairs
7:30 PM – Leadership Meeting Upstairs

Wednesday, November 16th –
1:30 PM – Stewardship Meeting



November 20, 2022

Curbside Pick-Up

11:00-11:15 a.m.



Once again, it's that time to think about ordering poinsettias for our church's Christmas Eve Services.

We will be placing our order with Falls Florist and would like the **orders in by December 10th**.

You can choose between red and white poinsettias. The price is \$15.00, and they can be ordered in honor, or in memory or for any other reason you may have.

There will be order forms available in the narthex and church office.