

**Reign of Christ
November 20, 2022**

United Church of Christ, Neillsville
Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Sigfried Karg-Elert edited by Diane Bish
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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 lilies of the field, we of all colors
and all varieties, GOD calls us to hear the
Word.

**All: As those who have been planted in faith,
we turn our flower faces to you, O GOD.**

Leader: O people of the plains, the cities and
the mountains, we of all colors, theologies and
life choices, we are God’s field. Come into
God’s sanctuary with joy!

**All: You have cultivated us, O GOD. Let us
vine and blossom bear the fruit of your
integrity.**

Leader: O we of mustard seeds and wheat, we
of little faith and great, we come.

**All: We come to the Living Waters, to the Sun
of love and light. We will drink of your ways,
O GOD, and we will sow your seeds.**

Leader: O, all who are of the world, come and
see what GOD has grown.

**All: We come to worship you. We stand in
the sunshine of your living word. We prosper
in your paths, O GOD, as the lilies of your
field.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**Great God-Gardener, Creator of all living
things, you live with us today, shining like the
crisp November sun, and promising
tomorrow.**

**The crocus tells us you are near and the
snow-drops make vows you alone can keep.
May we find you in every blooming thing
beneath the snows of our lives. May we see
you in the brightness of the morning
streaming through the windows. May we
know you in the promise of today –
becoming, always becoming. Amen**

SONG *“Plant Your Fields”*

Kelly and Steve Brumm
(Please remain seated)

CHILDREN’S TIME

PASTORAL, SILENT, LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer:

**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 – Wayne Voss

The Scripture reading this morning is 1st Corinthians chapter 3 verses 1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

MESSAGE

"Christ's Garden Surely Grows" Pastor Gary

SONG *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*
#433 NCH Natalie Sleeth

**1. In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

PRAYER OF DECICATION (Unison)

**These gifts are our fruit, O God of all fields.
May God's promises be fulfilled through the
harvest of God's garden in our gifts. Amen**

SONG *"Let All Things Now Living"*
Katherine Davis

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guided us on to the end of our days.**

**His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I

JOYS AND CONCERNS

POSTLUDE II

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 20, 2022
<https://youtu.be/oswqR2EJrt8>

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by "a faithful listener"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 20th –
Decorate church after worship

Monday, November 21st –
9 AM – Card Making - Circle of Friends

Tuesday, November 22nd –
1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home



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.

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Curbside Pick-Up

11:00-11:15 a.m.

Lunch

Give-Away

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