



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day - May 14, 2023
United Church of Christ, Neillsville
Pastor Sue Vornholt

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PRELUDE Holly Pisors

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Shared Life and Service

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Thanks be to God!

-STEWARDSHIP READING

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you call us.

We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.

Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

You never leave us, you never forsake us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.

Creator God, you love us.

Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.

INVOCATION

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you - our Creator, our Mother, our Father - with the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

#73 NCH Louise Ruspini

**1 Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**2 Open your ears to the song.
Open your ears to the song.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**3 Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**4 Don't be afraid of some change.
Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**5 Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All)

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires.

We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide 'who is the greatest'. We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself.

WORDS OF GRACE (Pastor)

God whose goodness and mercy chase after us, finds us, and gathers us like a mother hen gathering her chicks. Under her wings, God covers us with God's grace and holds us close declaring, "My child you are forgiven. Come back to me for you are loved." Amen

PRAISE RESPONSE

(sung twice)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Give voice to God's love and peace; those around us need to hear the Good.

ALL: The Peace of God be with you.

All are invited to greet one another with such words as "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response: "And also with you."

MESSAGE from the Sunday School Children

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON "The Advocate" Pastor Sue Vornholt

HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
#677 (red-Hymns for the Family of God) Peter Scholtes

**1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,**

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**2 We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land: [Refrain]**

**3 We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride: [Refrain]**

**4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: [Refrain]**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Let us pray as Christ Our Savior has taught us.

THE 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**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (Pastor)

We come in thanksgiving for God's great faithfulness and abiding presence. We come responding with generosity for kingdom building and to be avenues of God's provisions.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (All)

May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Halleluja"

#236 NCH

Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halleluja, halleluja.

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

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by

Byrl & Sharon Buddenhagen
to honor all Mothers
and May birthdays.



Youtube link for May 14, 2023

<https://youtu.be/GMPZ29k25HM>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 15th -
9 AM – Card Making

Tuesday, May 16th –

1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street

*every week at Marge Goetsch's home

5 PM – Trustees Meeting

6:30 PM – Council Meeting

Thursday, May 18th –

Meal Prep for May 21st meal giveaway

Saturday, May 20th –

Noon- 5 PM – Eddy Family bridal shower

Hosting Coffee Fellowship

May 14- Christian Ed

May 21-

May 28-

June 4-

June 11-



We need your help - Please sign up on bulletin board at rear of church for hosting coffee fellowship.

MAY 21, 2023
BACCALAUREATE
Sunday
10:00 AM SERVICE
PLEASE COME TO
CONGRATULATE
OUR GRADUATES

FREE COMMUNITY
PICNIC
UCC-NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST 2ND STREET
FELLOWSHIP HALL
MAY 21, 2023 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
TAKEOUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE