

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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PRELUDE *"In Christ There is No East or West"*

Dale Wood

Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Leader: light print – People: dark print)

This day we join with brothers and sisters around
the world sharing in the special meal of Jesus.

God's love makes us a family!

In different places, in different languages, God's
people share in worship and sacrament.

God's love makes us a family!

In different styles and different forms, God's people
offer prayers and praise.

God's love makes us a family!

Come, let's celebrate the love of God in our worship
today.

God's love makes us a family!

HYMN *"All Are Welcome"* Marty Haugen

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ, the feast that frees us,
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

O God, our Comforter, there is no ease in confessing our sins. What we say together of the evil in us all cries out for pardon. And yet there is more. We do confess, each of us, our private sins, the sins hidden, the sins we wrestle with alone in the dark places. O by the mystery of your largest love, let the bread which is life and the wine which is forgiveness replenish us, that we may have a solace in you, that we may sense your holiness and mercy in our time of need; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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."

PRAISE RESPONSE (sung twice)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Altar

Exodus 40:16-33

¹⁶Moses did everything just as the Lord had commanded him. ¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was set up. ¹⁸Moses set up the tabernacle; he laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars; ¹⁹and he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent over it; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the covenant and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark, and set the mercy seat above the ark; ²¹and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the curtain for screening, and screened the ark of the covenant; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²²He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the curtain, ²³and set the bread in order on it before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁴He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, ²⁵and set up the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁶He put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the

curtain, ²⁷and offered fragrant incense on it; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁸He also put in place the screen for the entrance of the tabernacle. ²⁹He set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering as the Lord had commanded Moses. ³⁰He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, ³¹with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. ³²When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed; as the Lord had commanded Moses. ³³He set up the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and put up the screen at the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Table

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

SERMON "Table Fellowship, Altar Communion"

Pastor Jim

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM NEW ZEALAND (all)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Fred Kaan
#347 NCH

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]**

MORNING PRAYERS

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Scriptural Sentence - Philippians 2:4-5

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The United Church of Christ practices open communion. People of all ages who confess Christ as savior are welcome. Today we invite you to come forward to celebrate the sacrament.

Invitation to the Table (Pastor)

All: (sung)

**This is the joyful feast
of the people of God.
Men and women,
Youth and children,
Come from the east and the west,
From the north and the south,
And gather about Christ's table.**

Communion Prayer (Pastor)

The Sanctus – from Argentina

***Santo, Santo, Santo – Holy, Holy, Holy* #793 NCH**
(Sung by soloist in Spanish, then sung by congregation in English)

**Santo, santo, santo.
¡Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
¡Santo eres Señor!**

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, Lord!**

Remembrance and Consecration (Pastor)

We remember that on that night...Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: **In the strength Christ gives us,
We offer ourselves to you, eternal God,
And give thanks that you have called us to serve
you. Amen.**

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Prayer of Our Savior

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

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (all)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our
Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this
holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body
and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good
news of your love and that your universal church may be
a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus
Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS FOR HOME

HYMN "In Christ There is No East or West"

394 NCH John Oxenham

1 In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God,
and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community
throughout the whole wide earth.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

PRAISE RESPONSE "Lead Us from Death to Life"

#581 NCH

Lead us from death to live,
From falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope,
From fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,
From war to peace;
let peace fill our hearts,
Let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.

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 for Sunday, October 1, 2023
<https://youtube.com/live/Npw0Y19tKi4>

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored anonymously
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in remembrance of
"World Communion Sunday"

WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, September 30th –

Dolores Johnson Memorial Service

-10 am visitation - 11 am service

Tuesday, October 3rd –

- 1 PM – Marge Goetsch Bible Study –

*every week at Donita Follen's home
at 1209 Bruley Street

- 2 PM – Stewardship Meeting

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



Hosting Coffee
Fellowship
after worship
Sign up sheet on
back bulletin
board

Oct 1 – Carole Romens & Donita Follen

Oct 8 – Sharon Buddenhagen

Oct 15 – Barb Petkovsek

Oct 22 – Stewardship Comm.

Oct 29 –

Nov 5 -

Attend "Thank You" Sunday , Oct. 22nd! The Stewardship Committee invites you to meet the Ukrainian family we supported as part of the "Unifying for Ukraine" efforts earlier this year. They will attend our church service along with their host family on Sunday, October 22th. Besides finding out how the family is adjusting to Clark County, you'll have an opportunity to sample some of their favorite Ukrainian foods following the church service. Please plan to attend this special Sunday service.



Pastor / Clergy Appreciation
Sunday, October 8th



Please have all articles for the October Newsletter into the church office by Tuesday, October 3rd.