

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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“THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT”

OUR CHURCH @ CAMP

A PowerPoint of camps we attended at Moon Beach
and Daycholah

PRELUDE “Kum Ba Yah” John Behnke
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God.

All: Blessed are you.

Leader: You give us so much.

All: Blessed are you.

Leader: You sustain us.

All: Blessed are you.

Leader: You help us grow.

All: Blessed are you.

Leader: You brought us together.

All: Blessed are you.

Leader: You are full of grace.

All: Blessed are you.

Amen.

OPENING SONG “This is the Day”

#84 NCH Les Garrett

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,
that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again,
Jesus rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came,
When the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice
and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.**

OPENING PRAYER (All)

**Loving God, we lift up our community to you.
Help us to grow together in the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.**

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 “Halleluja”

#236 NCH

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

SONG

Campers from "The Boyd Camp" will sing a FruitFULL Faith song they learned at camp.

A PIE PLAY "God's Glory Pie"

REFLECTION "The Fruits of the Spirit"

In the next moments we invite God to guide you to live in the Spirit. One of us will read a verse of scripture about each "fruit of the spirit". Then we invite you to pause, breathe, and pray when you hear the words: "Holy Spirit let me show..." And then we will sing this song when invited to do so:

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.**

CAMPERS SAY THANKS

Live and Recorded words of thanks from campers who received camp scholarships from our church.

SONG "Kum Ba Ya"

**Kum ba ya my Lord, kum ba ya
Kum ba ya my Lord, kum ba ya
Kum ba ya my Lord, kum ba ya
Oh Lord, kum ba ya**

**Someone's singing Lord, kum b aya
Someone's singing Lord, kum ba ya
Someone's singing Lord, kum ba ya
Oh Lord, kum ba yah**

**Someone's crying Lord, kum b aya
Someone's crying Lord, kum b aya
Someone's crying Lord, kum ba ya
Oh Lord, kum ba ya**

**Someone's praying Lord, kum ba ya
Someone's praying Lord, kum ba ya
Someone's praying Lord, kum ba ya
Oh Lord, kum ba ya**

MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (All)

**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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

SONG "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#286 in NCH

James Manley

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
Refrain

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the
sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a
land;
When you were confounded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
Refrain

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still;
and down in the city you called once again, when you
blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream
dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their
eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Refrain

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
in celebration of their
granddaughter,
Ashley Buddenhagen's birthday

YouTube link for September 17, 2023

<https://youtube.com/live/64rK7Lk8TxY>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 18th –
4 PM – Deacons Meeting
5 PM – Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th –
1 PM – Bible Study –
at Donita Follen's- 1209 Bruley Street
5 PM – Trustees Meeting

TODAY

Free Community Picnic



September 17, 2023

11:15 am - 12:00 Noon

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515 West 2nd Street

Fellowship Hall

Take-Outs will be available