

## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

### "Stewardship Thank You" Sunday

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor James Mohr

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

Dale Wood

Karen Mohr

#### RINGING OF THE CARILLON

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING PRAYER (All)

Pastor Jim

Creator God, we thank you for every perfect gift you have given to us. Open our hearts and minds to welcome one another. We thank you for calling us to be stewards of creation, help us realize our response --ability in sharing, sustaining and restoring your creation. Grant us the grace to be open hearted and love one another. O God, embrace us with your love and give us the courage and generosity to respond to needs of others. We offer this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### HYMN "God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

#21 NCH

Jane Parker Huber

1 God reigns o'er all the earth!  
Green hills and valleys low,  
The farms and towns in golds and browns  
God's grace and beauty show.  
God reigns o'er all the earth!  
Stone banks and spreading plains,  
In rainbow hues—reds, yellows, blues—  
of streams and country lanes.

2 God reigns o'er human life!  
Through youth and aging years,  
In death, in birth, in grief, in mirth,  
in all our hopes and fears.

God reigns o'er human life!

Our inspiration still.

Through all our schemes, in all our dreams,  
we see God's reigning will.

3 God reigns o'er time and space!

In history's bygone days,  
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke  
to bring God earnest praise.

God reigns o'er time and space!

O'er galaxy and sun,  
through timeless years the cosmos hears  
the heavenly music run.

4 God reigns! Emmanuel!

God with us every day,

In all our past and to the last,

Our comfort and our stay.

God reigns! Emmanuel!

Let praise to Christ be sung!

God's presence here makes all things dear.

Let joyful bells be rung!

#### 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."

#### PRAISE RESPONSE

(sung twice)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

M.E. Sjolin

-Thank you to all Volunteers

-Volunteers of the Year

-Introduction of Ukraine family and sponsors

## CHILDREN'S TIME

-Choir Stephanie Heck  
"Arky, Arky"  
- Message M.E. Sjolin  
"Share your Time, Talents, and Treasures"  
-Prayer -  
"God of love, we thank you for our gifts of time, our talents and treasures. Remind us to share our gifts and never hide them under a bushel basket. Allow the love of God to shine through us --so we may improve the lives of others and keep God 's creation beautiful." Amen

## PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE (All) JoAnn Voss

**Dear Jesus, You have no body now but ours. No hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which you look with compassion on this world. Ours are the feet with which you walk to do good. Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are your body. Help us to understand that your body on earth is our body. Be with us as we worship this morning and as we honor those who are using their bodies to bring your kingdom on earth today. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READING JoAnn Voss

Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gifts they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Philippians 2:4 "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others."

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted"

SERMON Video Intro Pastor Jim  
"One Good Reason" video

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE David Harnisch

## 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)

Generosity is rooted in love. We need to share the love of God we feel and make it flow through us into the places of the world that needs it most. God has trusted us to take care of his most precious things-- people on the earth and the earth itself. Also, God trust us to share the messages of peace and hope. That's what gratitude and generosity are all about -- the wonderful dance between God's blessings and God's dependence on us to bless others and bless the earth.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (All)

**God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN "This is My Song"

#591 NCH

Lloyd Stone

**1 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.**

**2 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 Thou God of all nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

## BENEDICTION

Stewards of love,  
Go and make the gifts of God grow  
in what you say and do  
and in the ways you walk the earth.  
Go and be a blessing.

Go out in our communities and the world and live in the abundance of God's gifts.  
Embrace God's call to use that abundance  
- of time,  
-of the talents we possess,  
-and the treasures we have  
to transform the lives of others with love and grace,  
and keep what God has created beautiful!

**POSTLUDE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Thank You Cards**

The stewardship committee encourages you pass on the feeling of gratitude by taking a "thank you" card. Use the card to express thankfulness to someone you appreciate, who has done good things for you or others!! Consider sending a card to a church member, a family member, a friend, or worker in the community.

**THANK YOU**

All are welcome to sample Ukrainian soups and cookies in the basement following the worship service. We thank the chefs & bakers who prepared Ukrainian soups & desserts—

- Borscht (Beet Soup)..... JoAnn Voss
- Sauerkraut Soup.....Barb Petkovsek
- Bread .....Bryl Buddenhagen
- Angel Wing Cookies ..... Kathy Mathis
- Sweet Cheese Cookie..... Nancy Rodman
- Cream Filled Wafers ..... Kelly Burch
- Honey Pecan Crepes ..... M.E. Sjolin
- Ukraine Sugar Cookies ..... Sue Karl
- Honey Cookies..... Carol Harnisch
- Sour Cream & Butter .....David Harnisch

**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 October 22, 2023

<https://youtube.com/live/ESgF3t9LI0o>

**This week’s radio broadcast  
is sponsored by  
“a faithful listener”**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**– NO BIBLE STUDY UNTIL NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Wednesday, October 25th –**

**- 5 PM – J.A.M. Club Meeting here at UCC**



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

Oct 22 – Stewardship Comm.

Oct 29 – JoAnn Voss

Nov 5 –

Nov 12 –

Nov 19 –

**REMINDER for the HOLIDAY FAIR**



"New to You Treasures"

**Please bring your  
“clean” items,  
housewares, art,  
decorations, etc. in  
for the “New to You  
Treasures” sale at the  
Holiday Fair.**