

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Sue Vornholt

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**PRELUDE** "Nocturne in E Minor" Chopin  
"Nocturne in B Major" Chopin  
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!**

### **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**

God is great, and greatly to be praised! We thank you,  
God, for families and friends.

**We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and  
good neighbors.**

God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

**We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful  
dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

**We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the  
touch of love, for brand new mornings and for  
dreams held close.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

Come! Let us worship God.

### **HYMN** "This is the Day"

**#84 NCH** Les Garrett

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

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

**3 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.**

### **MORNING PRAYER**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess that we neglect to acknowledge you as  
God in our lives.**

**We live like we have complete control over our own  
future.**

**We forget that you created us and that we are the  
sheep of your pasture.**

**We separate ourselves from the flock and abandon  
our bonds with one another as we try to do it all on  
our own.**

**We have traded gratitude for individualism and thanksgiving for self-reliance.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.**

**Receive the good news:** God's steadfast love endures forever! While we were yet sinners, God made a way for us to return to God and to return to one another. By God's grace, we are a forgiven and reconciled people. Thanks be to God! 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."

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

##### **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SERMON** "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise" Pastor Sue

**HYMN** "Let us Break Bread Together"

#330 NCH

David Hurd

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain:**

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

### **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)

As God has so richly blessed us, let us return a portion of these blessings to God, asking that these gifts may be used in service to others through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us receive our morning offering.

#### **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** "God Be With You"

#81 NCH

Jeremiah E. Rankin

**1 God be with you till we meet again;  
By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain:**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**2 God be with you till we meet again;  
Wings of shelter safely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]**

**BENEDICTION**

As you prepare to cross the threshold from this place  
out into the world and as you encounter doorways and  
thresholds throughout your week, repeat this blessing:  
**May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor in  
this place.**

**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**

YouTube link for November 12, 2023

<https://youtube.com/live/FOpduf1IO74>

This week's radio broadcast  
is in honor of Gordon & Faith Vine  
sponsored by their children,  
Jane Nelson, Virginia Fennema,  
Paul Vine, Jeff Vine, Kris Kirschoffer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday, November 14th –**

**- 1 PM – Marge Goetsch Bible Study –**

**\*every week at Donita Follen's home**

**-1209 Bruley Street thru November**



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

Nov 12 – Doris Bakker

Nov 19 –

Nov 26 –

Dec 3 - Kathy & Howie Mathis

Dec 10 - Barb Petkovsek (will be held upstairs)

Dec 17 - Christian Ed. Children Program

## Hope to see you at the Holiday Fair !!

### Holiday Fair ... Saturday, November 11, 2023

is this weekend from 9 AM to 1 PM; with lunch serving from 11 AM to 1 PM. The lunch will consist of chicken salad on a croissant, baked potato soup, and dessert. Carry-outs will be available.

Our sales departments are as follows:

- GIFT BOUTIQUE
  - Indoor & Outdoor Decorations
  - Quilts, Knitted, and Crocheted Items
- GREETING CARDS
  - All Occasions
- KITCHEN CUPBOARD
  - Sweets & Bakery
- NEW TO YOU TREASURES
  - Collectibles from Grandma's Attic



We Salute our Veterans  
November 11<sup>th</sup> and everyday!

