

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Sue Vornholt

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PRELUDE *"Praise & Thanksgiving"* Dale Wood
Karen Mohr

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

HYMN *"Let Us with a Joyful Mind"*

#16 NCH John Milton

**1 Let us with a joyful mind
praise our God forever kind,
Refrain:**

**Rich with mercies that endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**2 New-made earth was filled with light
through God's all commanding might, [Refrain]**

**3 Dazzling bright the sun obeys
God who shines with brighter rays, [Refrain]**

**4 Stars and moon that spangle night
all depend on heaven's light, [Refrain]**

**5 Creatures of the sea and land
all are fed by God's own hand, [Refrain]**

**6 Therefore with a joyful mind,
praise our God forever kind, [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God,

We confess that we do not give attention to the things that are of you. We listen to rumors and gossip instead of what is true and honorable. We do not hold fast to justice. We do not train our hearts on what is pure and pleasing to you. In our words and our deeds, we stray from all that is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We do not attend to all we have received and learned of your good news, and so we do not live in peace with you or with our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.

Receive the good news:

God pays attention to us when we pray. God receives our confession and saves us by grace. May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart now and forever. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

SERMON "In Everything" Pastor Sue Vornholt

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

#28 NCH

Folliott S. Pierpoint

Miriam Therese Winter

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**God of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]**

**4 For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires,
And for every heart renewed, [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)

**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

May God's peace follow you wherever you go, guiding and guarding you, that you may live in joy and thanksgiving with God, self, neighbor, and all creation.
Amen.

May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor in this place. Amen

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 19, 2023

<https://youtube.com/live/mD9a9V9vzIA>

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Rosie & Jim Repinski in "Praise of Jesus Christ"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 21st –

- 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 19 – Doris Bakker

Nov 26 –

Dec 3 - Kathy & Howie Mathis

Dec 10 - Barb Petkovsek (will be held upstairs)

Dec 17 - Christian Ed. Children Program



**Meal
Giveaway**
UCC NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST SECOND STREET
November 19, 2023
11:00 -11:15 AM
Prepared by Neillsville Optimist Club

What **ARE** You
Thankful
for?



Come
Decorate for
Christmas

Decorate the Church
for Christmas
Sunday, November 26th
after worship

We are looking for a team of able-bodied (4-5)
people to assist with assembly of the sanctuary tree.
This is a big job so if some of you strong individuals
could help we would much appreciate it.

We will also need help
in other areas to decorate the church.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

A special Congregational Meeting
will be held on Sunday, December 10th
following worship to review 2024 Budget
and Election of Committees