

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024**  
United Church of Christ - Neillsville  
Pastor Sue Vornholt

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**PRELUDE**

Holly Pisors

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Shared Life and Service (announcements) 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**

Christ is Risen, and greets us with peace.

**The peace of Christ is among us, indeed.**

We are witnesses of God's glory and steadfast love.

**The transforming love of Christ is among us, indeed!**

Come, let us worship.

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of Hope, We see your love poured out for us in all  
the world. Make us more like you. Teach us to live  
together as one community human and beyond-human,  
creature and created to your glory, so your love is  
known among all the living. Amen.

**HYMN** *"I Woke Up This Morning"*

**#85 NCH** African-American Spiritual Arr. Jeffrey Radford

**1 I woke up this morning with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
Woke up this morning with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
woke up this morning with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.**

**2 Singing and praying with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
Singing and praying with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
Singing and praying with my mind  
stayed on Jesus,  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lover of Creation,

Forgive us

We have not loved ourselves

We have not loved our neighbors

We have not followed in your ways

We have rebelled against your love

Forgive us

Engage us

Reshape our imaginations

Trade our complacency for your courage,

Our pettiness for your possibility.

Our greed for your goodness

Our aimlessness and for your adventure

Our lives for your love

**WORDS OF GRACE**

Open your hearts. Hear the good news.

God has not abandoned us

God has not sent us out to find our own way.

God is with us, all around us, at work within us.

In the name of all that is,

You are welcome Into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness

Of the Creator of our hearts

People: **Glory to Giver of Life. 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 words such 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 TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 24:36-48**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

**SERMON** "Jesus' Lessons Today" Pastor Sue

**HYMN** "There is a Name I Love to Hear"

#52 NCH Frederick Whitfield

**1** There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

**O** how I love Jesus,  
**O** how I love Jesus,  
**O** how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

**2** It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

**3** It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. [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**

**THE OFFERING SERVICE**

**Invitation to Generosity**

Loving Creator, we come together to present our offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**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. Amen**

**Prayer of Dedication (all)**

**God of abundant love,**

**We offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and  
resources as a sign of our love for you and the  
world.**

**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]

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RADIO BROADCAST**

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN  
98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast  
is sponsored by the Mitte girls,  
Joy, Cindy and Judy  
in loving memory of our Aunt Berdella Carl

**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.

YouTube link for Sunday, April 14, 2024  
<https://youtube.com/live/UMHs4wzF9PA>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, April 14th – Worship**

- 10 AM Deacon Host – Barb Shoemaker  
Greeter(s) – Debbie Holman, Sue Gurney  
Usher(s) – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker

**Monday, April 15th –**

- 9 AM – Card Making

**Tuesday, April 16th –**

- 1 PM – Marge Goetsch Bible Study –  
\*will meet in the lounge of church  
- 5:30 PM – Trustees Meeting

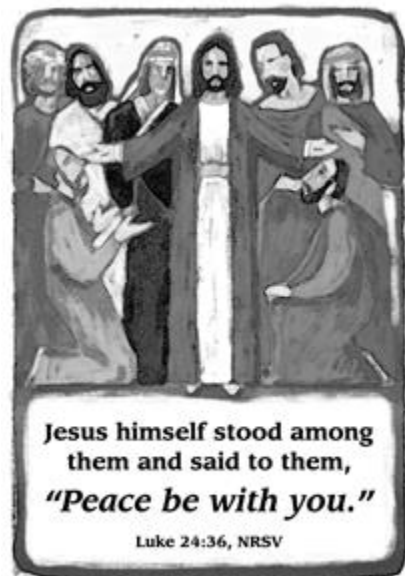
**Wednesday, April 17th –**

- 5 PM – J.A.M. Club at UCC  
- 5 PM – Confirmation at Calvary

**Coffee fellowship after worship -**

Sign up on back bulletin board

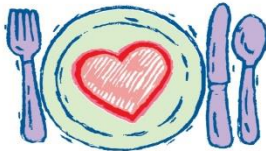
Apr 14 – Bonnie Shaw  
Apr 21 – Mission & Outreach Comm.  
Apr 28 – Susie Karl  
May 5 – Lydia Schumacher, Karen Northup





Please join us on  
**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** –  
A **“THANK YOU and  
Recognition”** Service to show  
our appreciation for our interim  
pastors –  
Pastor Jim Mohr  
Pastor Sue Vornholt  
A free meal will be served  
following worship.

## Free Ham Lunch



**April 21, 2024**

11:00 am - 12:00 Noon  
United Church of Christ-Neillsville  
515 West 2nd Street  
Fellowship Hall

Meal Giveaway-Chicken Tetrazzini prepared by Living Hope  
10:45-11:00 am

## 50<sup>th</sup> Holiday Fair in 2024!

Exciting news ... did you realize that this year it will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2024? Yes, the Neillsville United Church of Christ has been working very hard for 50 years making money for our church and it is greatly appreciated by all. From your donations of supplies, money, and/or items to sell, we have helped our church budget by donating money to the parking lot, new round tables in the fellowship hall, new carpet in the sanctuary and much more.

Now we would like your input on how to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year. **Please attend an informal meeting on Sunday, April 28** in the sanctuary after the church service to discuss ideas on how to make this event extra special this year. Bring your ideas for crafts, sales, luncheon ideas, etc. If you cannot attend this meeting and have any suggestions, please send me an email with your ideas [emilejmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:emilejmiller@yahoo.com) . Everyone's opinion is welcomed and needed to make this a success.

Thank you for your continued support and ideas on this great annual fundraising event.