

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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PRELUDE "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Kristina Langlois Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - "Strengthen the Church" video

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

#290 NCH vs 1,2,5 George Croley

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

OPENING PRAYER (All)

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives:

the beauty and abundance of nature,

the love of family and friends,

the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.

Send your Spirit during this time of worship

so that we might dream your dreams

and see visions of the world as you created it to be.

Guide our thoughts and words and actions.

May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today,

encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good

news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all

people. 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".

RESPONSE: "Spirit of the Living God"

#283 NCH Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

High School

Bryce Erickson

Kole Miller

Cali Moseid

Paige Voigt

Parker Voigt

College

Ellie Moseid

Riley Voigt

Graduation Litany

Today we celebrate the accomplishments of graduates in our community.

We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.

One part of your life's journey is complete.

You will prepare to begin another phase

that will take you to unimaginable places.

We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, remember the times that we all have shared with you.

Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Don't look back; continue forward, while using those memories to create a new path.

We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May God's gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect God's love and truth,

And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM - *"Be Strong in the Lord"*

Words by Linda Lee Johnson Music by Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both

Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he

comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON "Tongues of Fire" Pastor Julie

MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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

HYMN "*Spirit of Gentleness*"

#286 NCH James K. 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 they 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]

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

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)

Bountiful God,
we come with our offerings in response to your
love. With the new life in Christ,
we give ourselves in service to others.
With the energy bestowed by the Spirit,
we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for
your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we
bring, that they may become a blessing in your
sight. Amen.

HYMN "*Sweet, Sweet Spirits*"

#293 NCH Doris Akers

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been
revived
When we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." [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
Pat Acheson & Herman Seebandt
in recognition of "Rural Life Sunday"

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, May 19, 2024
<https://youtube.com/live/2pq9V6LbFgw>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 19th – Worship

- **10 AM** Deacon Host – JoAnn Wren
Greeter(s) – Phil & Donita Follen
Usher(s) – Roger Carl & Hap Eddy

Monday, May 20th –

- **9 AM – Card Making**

Tuesday, May 21st -

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

Thursday, May 22nd –

- **6:30 PM – Council Meeting**

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

May 19 – Graduation Sunday – Carole Romens
May 26 - Kathy Mathis
June 2 –
June 9 -

We need people to sign up



**Meal
Giveaway**

UCC NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST SECOND STREET
May 19, 2024
10:45 -11:00 AM



HIGH SCHOOL

Bryce Erickson – Neillsville High School

-Graduating Summa Cum Laude, was All-Conference

Offensive Player of the Year in Football, and First Team All-Conference Performer in Baseball and Basketball.

He plans to attend UW La Crosse in the area of Elementary/Middle School Education and Special Education

Son of Kevin & Jenny Erickson



Kole Miller –

Loyal High School
Graduated mid-term and is currently working full time at Rakovec Concrete

Son of Brandon & Liz Miller

Cali Moseid –

Neillsville High School

Will be attending Mario Tricoli University in Janesville to become a certified esthetician.

Daughter of

Kai & Cindy Moseid



Paige Voigt –

Neillsville High School

-Graduating Magna Cum Laude

Will attend CVTC in Eau Claire in the study of Animal Science Management

Daughter of Tim & Sue Voigt



COLLEGE

Ellie Moseid – UW Oshkosh

Bachelor of Education and Human Services

23-24 Human Kinetics and Health Education Major of the Year and National SHAPE Rep Award Plan after college to attend UW La Crosse to earn Masters Degree in Physical Education. Teaching with Adventure and Outdoors Pursuits emphasis.

Daughter of Kai & Cindy Moseid



Parker Voigt –

Neillsville High School

Will attend CVTC in Eau Claire to obtain CDL. Currently working at Custom Heating & Cooling

Son of Tim & Sue Voigt



Riley Voigt – UW La Crosse

Bachelor Degree in Communications

Member of Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society), graduated with honors for high GPA.

Plan to attend graduate school at UW Eau Claire for Masters in Communication Science and Disorders (SLP)

Daughter of Tim & Sue Voigt

