

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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PRELUDE "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

William Sherman arr. Alice Jordan Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 139)

Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts.**

You search out our paths and our lying downs and are
acquainted with all our ways.

**Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One,
you know it completely.**

You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand
upon us.

**We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully
made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very
well.**

HYMN "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

TUNE: Beach Spring words: Marva J. Dawn

Music: Attr. B.F. White, arr. Jack Schrader

**1 Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.**

**2 In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.**

**3 Come, then, children, with your burdens-
life's confusions, fears and pain.**

Leave them at the cross of Jesus;

take instead his kingdom's reign.

**Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them-
he alone will satisfy.**

**All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.**

OPENING PRAYER (All)

**We are called to "observe the Sabbath day and keep
it holy, as our God commanded us." Be with us Holy
One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May
the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in
worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All)

**God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our
motivations, our sins. And you love us still.
Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or
possible; when we wonder how You could love us
just as we are, when we forget our intricate
construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in your
image!**

**Remove from our minds every thought which keeps
us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the
pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our
hearts. And you love us still. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

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: *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

3Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

³Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

SERMON “Remember the Sabbath” Pastor Julie

HYMN “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

#336 NCH Horatius Bonar

**1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.**

**2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread anew;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour together here with you.

4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
This joyful feast confirms that you are here,
now and forever, as our shield and sun.

5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need
another strength than yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
our faith is in your might, your might alone.

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

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God the Source of life and birth.

Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.

All glory, honor to God's name! Amen

Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

God is with us.

The Spirit is with us,

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks.

We thank God with joy.

And so, with all your people and all creation, we sing
to you:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name, O God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus
Christ, we offer our grateful praise, and proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing The Elements

All are welcome to partake in the Feast of our Lord.

The table is open to people of all ages who confess

Jesus as Lord and seek to follow Christ's way.

HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#82 NCH Jaroslav J. Vajda

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing – You are my own.

2 Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

Here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

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 Sue & Jim Popple
in honor of her parents,
Norbert & Phyllis Embke's
wedding anniversary.

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.



9:00 AM now
thru Labor Day weekend

YouTube link for Sunday, June 2, 2024
<https://youtube.com/live/wJ2L65cZqiU>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 2nd -

- **9 AM** Deacon Host – Sally Sadowksa
- Greeter(s) – Linda Stalsberg, Carla Marty
- Usher(s) – Ken Shoemaker, Bob Petkovsek

Monday, June 3rd -

- **9 AM** – Card Making

Tuesday, June 4th -

- **1 PM** – Marge Goetsch Bible Study –
- *will meet in the lounge of church

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

June 2 – JoAnn Voss

June 9 – Doris Bakker

June 16 -

We need people to sign up



Psalm 139:14

ANY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for June

Please get them into the office by
Monday, June 3rd