

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Gordon Young Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30)

Sing praises to the Lord, all you who are faithful.

Give thanks to his holy name!

God's anger lasts only a second -

God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping may stay all night -

But joy comes in the morning.

God changes our mourning into dancing -

So that we might sing praises to God and never stop.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

HYMN "Great is Your Faithfulness"

#423 Thomas O. Chisholm

**1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail
not;
all of your goodness forever will be.**

Refrain:

**Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
[Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
[Refrain]**

OPENING PRAYER (All)

Loving God, we are yours.

We come as we are, with our cares and concerns.

We long to touch you and find healing in your
embrace.

Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness,
that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow
the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected
possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the
security of what we know instead of risking new steps
toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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: "Be Still and Know"

#743 NCH

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lamentations 3:22-33 (NLT)

- ²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends!^[a]
His mercies never cease.
- ²³ Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh each morning.
- ²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who depend on him,
to those who search for him.
- ²⁶ So it is good to wait quietly
for salvation from the Lord.
- ²⁷ And it is good for people to submit at an early age
to the yoke of his discipline:
- ²⁸ Let them sit alone in silence
beneath the Lord's demands.
- ²⁹ Let them lie face down in the dust,
for there may be hope at last.
- ³⁰ Let them turn the other cheek to those who strike
them and accept the insults of their enemies.
- ³¹ For no one is abandoned
by the Lord forever.
- ³² Though he brings grief, he also shows compassion
because of the greatness of his unfailing love.
- ³³ For he does not enjoy hurting people
or causing them sorrow.
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (NLT)**
- ⁷ Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your
gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and
your love from us—I want you to excel also in this
gracious act of giving.
- ⁸ I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing
how genuine your love is by comparing it with the
eagerness of the other churches.
- ⁹ You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty he could make you rich.
- ¹⁰ Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish
what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first
who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin
doing it. ¹¹ Now you should finish what you started. Let
the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched
now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you
have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it
eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what
you don't have. ¹³ Of course, I don't mean your giving

should make life easy for others and hard for
yourselves. I only mean that there should be some
equality. ¹⁴ Right now you have plenty and can help
those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and
can share with you when you need it. In this way, things
will be equal. ¹⁵ As the Scriptures say,

"Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over,
and those who gathered only a little had enough."

RESPONSE: "Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his
Son.**

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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his
Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

Jesus Heals in Response to Faith

²¹ Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the
other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered
around him on the shore. ²² Then a leader of the local
synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he
saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, ²³ pleading fervently with
him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come
and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

²⁴ Jesus went with him, and all the people followed,
crowding around him. ²⁵ A woman in the crowd had
suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. ²⁶ She
had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over
the years she had spent everything she had to pay
them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had
gotten worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she
came up behind him through the crowd and touched his
robe. ²⁸ For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch
his robe, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately the bleeding
stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had
been healed of her terrible condition.

³⁰ Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

³¹ His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it.

³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

³⁵ While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

³⁶ But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

³⁷ Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. ³⁹ He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep."

⁴⁰ The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. ⁴¹ Holding her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. ⁴³ Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON "Fringe Benefits" Pastor Julie

HYMN "*The Woman Hiding in the Crowd*"
J. Dudley Weaver, Jr.

**1 The woman hiding in the crowd
reached for Christ's garment hem
that simply by the touch of it
she might be healed within.**

**2 From Christ went forth the healing grace,
her health and life restored.
"Who touched my clothes?" the Savior asked,
but not one said a word.**

**3 The woman knelt before him then
with joy and anxious fear,
and Jesus blessed her lovingly:
"In peace go forth from here."**

**4 The burdens now that weigh us down,
the sins we fear to speak,
the ache of heart and empty soul
we lay before your feet.**

**5 So touch us, Lord, with healing grace
and make us whole again
that we may always live in you
and know your peace within.**

MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

sung by Howie Mathis, Paul Schmidt

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 "*O Perfect Love*" Gordon Young

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

**Gracious God, we thank you for our present
abundance and for the many blessings you have
bestowed upon this community. We thank you
for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for
the assurance of your love. May all these gifts
be a blessing to those in need. Amen.**

HYMN "*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*"

#551 NCH Fanny Crosby

**1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling,
do not pass me by.**

Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling,
do not pass me by.

2 Let me at your throne of mercy
find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief. [Refrain]

3 Trusting only in your merit,
would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by your grace. [Refrain]

4 Be the Spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me;
Not just here on earth beside me,
but eternally. [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 Donita Follen
in celebration of husband,
Phil Follen's 80th Birthday.

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, June 30, 2024

<https://youtube.com/live/RqIceuBWAG4>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 30th – Worship

- 9 AM Deacon Host – Janice Miller
Greeter(s) – Kathy & Larry Marshall
Usher(s) – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker

Tuesday, July 2nd -

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

Tuesday, July 3rd -

- 9 AM – Pastor Relations Comm. Meeting

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

June 30 - Mathis'

July 7 - Karlene Wallace & JoAnn Wren

We need people to sign up

Installation for Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

July 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at UCC-Neillsville

A special worship service will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to formally install Julie Ruegsegger as Pastor of the United Church of Christ in Neillsville. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among the Northwest Association, the local church and the pastor. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

All members are encouraged to attend this special worship service and celebrate this milestone in the life of the church. Clergy and representatives from the Northwest Association will be present to share in this covenant, and visitors from Pastor Julie's home church, family and friends plan to attend to support her and this church. Refreshments will be served after the service. We look forward to celebrating together!