

Sending Song: "They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love"

Vs. 1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Vs. 2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Chorus)

Vs. 3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Chorus)

Vs. 4 All praise to the Father from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Chorus)

Blessing: Pastor Julie



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



ANNUAL FAIR WORSHIP SERVICE
United Church of Christ—Neillsville
Pastor Julie Ruegsegger
and
Calvary Lutheran Church—Neillsville
Pastor Chad Anderson

Annual Fair Worship Service - August 11, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor Chad: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Pastor Julie: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, of ourselves, or of others.

Pastor Chad: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

People: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

Prayer of Invocation

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 actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen

Gathering Song: "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

Vs. 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Vs. 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains. Unending love, amazing grace.

Vs. 3 The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (Chorus)

Vs. 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Julie: Benevolent and merciful God,

People: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Message: Pastor Julie and Pastor Chad

Song of the Day: "Here I Am, Lord"

Vs. 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Vs. 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Chorus)

Vs. 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Chorus)

Prayers of the People Pastor Chad

Offering Prayer Pastor Julie

Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.