

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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RINGING OF THE CARILLON

PRELUDE "Ash Grove" with "Thanks Be To God"

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Karen Mohr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104)

Look at the heavens, stretched out like a tent!

Listen to the winds, the messengers of God.

Gaze at autumn's changing colors, painted for us.

Reflect on God's mountains, majestic and strong.

Blessing and honor to our Creator God!

Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life!

OPENING PRAYER (All)

**God of majesty and might, blow through this place
like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence.**

**Cover us with your love, that we might be your
people, serving others with care and compassion. In
Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN "Sing for God's Glory"

Lyrics: Kathy Galloway

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

**1 Sing for God's glory that colors the dawn of creation,
Racing across the sky trailing bright clouds of elation;
Sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
Warming the earth's exultation.**

**2 Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that
would bind us,
Searing the darkness of fear and despair that could
blind us,
Touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
Reaching out gently to find us.**

**3 Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
Tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to
confusion;**

**Lifeblood of right resisting evil and slight,
Offering freedom's transfusion.**

**4 Sing for God's saints who have traveled faith's
journey before us,
Who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
In them we see the new creation to be,
Spirit of love made flesh for us.**

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (All)

**Creator God, you have not given this world to us that
we should destroy it, but rather that we should
cherish it and make sure that all receive from its
bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and
selfishness. Help us to let go of our petty desires for
wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a
ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all
your people. Transform us by your Spirit each day to
be the part of you the world needs from us. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As forgiven and reconciled children of God, let us
share with one another signs of peace and love.

One: The Peace of God be with you.

Many: And also 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: "*Make Me a Servant*"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 53:4-12 (CEB)**

The Suffering Servant

⁴ It was certainly our sickness that he carried,
and our sufferings that he bore,
but we thought him afflicted,
struck down by God and tormented.

⁵ He was pierced because of our rebellions
and crushed because of our crimes.
He bore the punishment that made us whole;
by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ Like sheep we had all wandered away,
each going its own way,
but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.

⁷ He was oppressed and tormented,
but didn't open his mouth.
Like a lamb being brought to slaughter,
like a ewe silent before her shearers,
he didn't open his mouth.

⁸ Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away,
and his fate—who will think about it?
He was eliminated from the land of the living,
struck dead because of my people's rebellion.

⁹ His grave was among the wicked,
his tomb with evildoers,
though he had done no violence,
and had spoken nothing false.

¹⁰ But the Lord wanted to crush him
and to make him suffer.
If his life is offered as restitution,
he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life.
The Lord's plans will come to fruition through him.

¹¹ After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will
be satisfied.
Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my
servant,
will make many righteous,
and will bear their guilt.

¹² Therefore, I will give him a share with the great,
and he will divide the spoil with the strong,
in return for exposing his life to death
and being numbered with rebels,
though he carried the sin of many
and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled.

NEW TESTAMENT **Mark 10:35-45 (CEB)**

³⁵ James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and
said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we
ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and
the other on your left when you enter your glory."

³⁸ Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking!
Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I
receive?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive
the baptism I receive, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left
hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom
it has been prepared."

⁴¹ Now when the other ten disciples heard about this,
they became angry with James and John. ⁴² Jesus
called them over and said, "You know that the ones
who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show
off their authority over them and their high-ranking
officials order them around. ⁴³ But that's not the way
it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among
you will be your servant. ⁴⁴ Whoever wants to be first
among you will be the slave of all, ⁴⁵ for the Human
One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and
to give his life to liberate many people."

SERMON "The Suffering Servant" Pastor Julie

HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#498 NCH Tom Colvin Arr. Jane Marshall

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1 Knelt at the feet of his friends,
silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them. [Refrain]**

**2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]**

**3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]**

**4 Loving puts us on our knees,
showing our faith by our deeds,
serving the neighbors we have from you. [Refrain]**

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
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

God of glory, we thank you for this season of abundance. We praise you for the gifts of this earth and of our lives. As we return a portion of these gifts, we also dedicate our lives to your service. Bless our gifts and our service, that we may glorify you and reflect your love in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" verses 1-3

Lyrics: Albert Bayly Tune: BEACH SPRING

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who, upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
verse 4 Lyrics: Albert Bayly Tune: BEACH SPRING

4 Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

COMMISSIONING (All)

Be the church:

Protect the environment

Care for the poor

Forgive often

Reject racism

Fight for the powerless

Share earthly and spiritual resources

Embrace diversity

Love God

Enjoy this life!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

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

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored anonymously
by a "faithful listener".

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!
We are glad that you have joined us on site,
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, October 20, 2024

<https://youtube.com/live/Zx1MJ3faoFY>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 20th –

- **10 AM** Deacon Host – Wayne Voss
Greeter(s) – Doris Bakker, Ellie Keller
Usher(s) – Don Quicker, Jerry Quicker
PowerPoint – Paul Vine

Monday, October 21st –

- **9 AM** Card Making

Tuesday, October 22nd –

- **1 PM** Bible Study
- **5:30 PM** Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 23rd –

- **5 PM** JAM at Calvary

Confirmation for youth in grades 7th & 8th

will meet at UCC each Sunday evening
at 5:30 PM with Pastor Julie.

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Oct 20 – Nancy & Kirk Rodman

Oct 27 - Kathy & Howie Mathis

Nov 3 –

Nov 10 – Stewardship Committee

Nov 17 – Susie Karl

We need people to sign up



Meal Giveaway

UCC NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST SECOND STREET
October 20, 2024
10:45 -11:00 AM

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Clark County,
along with St. Mary's Justice and Peace
Committee and supporting churches and
organizations will be having annual

Fall Change of Seasons on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Neillsville UCC will host breakfast starting at
8:30 a.m. and volunteers will be sent out to do
community work following breakfast.

We are looking for volunteers to help with yard
work for the elderly and disabled. This is a
rewarding opportunity for youth, teens and
families. Bring rakes and gloves.

We are especially in need
of adults who can clean eaves.

If you or someone you know needs assistance
with your yardwork on that day, please call
Judy Morrow at 715-743-2885 to have your
name put on the list. You can also call Judy to
sign up to volunteer
or if you have any questions.