

**World Communion Sunday**  
**October 6, 2024 – 10:00 AM**  
United Church of Christ - Neillsville  
Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**PRELUDE** variations on “*Kum Ba Yah*”

John A. Behnke                      Karen Mohr

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Haiti*)

This is the place and this is the time -  
Here and now God waits to break into our  
experience.

**To change our minds,  
To change our lives,  
To change our ways.**

To make us see the world and the whole of life in a  
new light.

**To fill us with hope, with joy and certainty for the  
future.**

This is the place, as are all places.  
This is the time, as are all times.

**Here and now  
Let us praise God!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (*New Zealand*) (All)

**God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,  
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,  
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,  
in rivers and oceans and lakes,  
in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a  
showcase,  
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,  
compassionate and laughter-bringing,  
God who colours us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us  
unique,  
that you call us to contribute our special colours to  
the life around us.  
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen**

**HYMN** “*Great Spirit God*”                      Joseph R. Renville  
Trsl. Sidney H. Byrd

**#341 NCH verses 1-2, 4-5** (*Native American*)

**1 Great Spirit God, the things which are yours  
are numerous and great.  
The heavens above you set in their place,  
and earth received its form by your hands.  
The ocean depths respond to your will,  
for you can do all things.**

**2 Your will, mysterious and so strong,  
brings growth to all the earth.  
Food for our souls and clothing to wear,  
are like your cup that blesses and fills.  
Provide for us each day of our lives  
sufficient for our needs.**

**4 That day you came to dwell on the earth,  
bringing us all great joy!  
The nations scattered over the world,  
to them you gave the light of all life.  
O Jesus, O compassionate One,  
we offer praise to you.**

**5 Your sacrament entrusted to us,  
Jesus, now share with me.  
Your bread of life and drink for our souls,  
Which you have offered, purify now.  
Sanctify minds and bodies to you;  
Restore us by your love.**

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** (*Chile*)

Paz, peace, py'aguapy.  
Me Comprometo, Señor a buscar:  
**I commit, God, to searching for:**  
La sanidad de mi relación contigo.  
**The healing of my relationship with you.**  
La sanidad de mi relación conmigo misma.  
**The healing of my relationship with myself.**  
La sanidad de mi relación con otros.  
**The healing of my relationship with others.**  
La sanidad de mi relación con toda tu creación.  
**The healing of my relationship with all your  
creation.**  
**¡SHALOM!**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (India)

### 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:** "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"  
(South Africa)

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
All our hearts are filled with gladness. (Sing twice)

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:**  
"I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
Give to all who thirst and hunger."

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
All our hearts are filled with gladness. (Sing twice)

**CHILDREN'S TIME** "Gathered at the Table"

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Invitation to the Table (Germany)

We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread:  
**the fruit of the earth worked with human hands  
and who makes it into the bread of life.**

We rejoice in the God of life who gives us wine:  
**the fruit of the vine tended with daily care,  
and puts the flavour of the new world into it.**

As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine – into a visual symbol for us –  
**May our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world.**

**HYMN** "Let us Break Bread Together"

**#330 NCH** (African-American Spiritual)

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]**

### Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

#### Breaking Bread And Pouring Wine (South Africa)

#### 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.*

#### Prayer Of Thanksgiving (Australia)

**We thank you, gracious God, that we are guests  
at your table. As we have been fed by your gifts  
of life, so we will share with the world all that  
you give to us in love. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**NEW TESTAMENT** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
(First Nations Version Indigenous Translation)

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, in many ways and at many times, the Great Spirit spoke to our tribal ancestors through the prophets. <sup>2</sup> But now, in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son - the one he has chosen to give all things to. It is through his Son that the Great Spirit made the world that is, the world that was, and the one that is coming. <sup>3</sup> This Son is the light coming from the face of the Great Spirit in all its bright-shining beauty. What is true about the Great Spirit is true about the Son, for he represents Creator in every way. It is his powerful word that holds the stars above, the earth below, and all things seen and unseen in their place. He came into this world to purify the bad hearts and broken ways of all people. When he was finished, he returned to the One Above Us All to sit in the place of greatest honor at the right hand of the Great Mystery. <sup>4</sup> The Son was lifted up to a higher place than all the spirit-messengers, for the name that he was given has much more beauty and honor than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup> The Great Spirit did not put the world that is coming, which we will now speak about, under the guidance of spirit-messengers. <sup>6</sup> Instead, somewhere

in our Sacred Teachings it has been said, "O Great Spirit, why do you think so much of humanity? Why do you watch over human beings so carefully? <sup>7</sup> For a short time you made them a little lower than the spirit-messengers. You placed a headdress of honor on their heads <sup>8</sup> and made them the caretakers over all things." When Creator gave human beings the sacred calling of being the caretakers over all things, he left nothing that was not under their care. But we still do not see all things under the care of humankind.

<sup>9</sup> But we can see that there is one human being who has taken on himself this sacred calling - Creator Sets Free (Jesus). For a short time he was made a little lower than the spirit-messengers so that by the gift of Creator's great kindness, he might taste death for everyone. Because he did this, he has been highly honored with the headdress of a chief. <sup>10</sup> The Great Spirit is the maker and upholder of all things. So it was only right that he would be the one to lift his children back up to the honored place for which he created them. The one who would blaze the trail before them had to suffer, so he would be fully prepared to set them free and make them whole. <sup>11</sup> Creator Sets Free (Jesus) is the one who makes people holy, and those he makes holy are all from one Father. For this reason he is not ashamed to call them his family.

<sup>12</sup> For Creator Sets Free (Jesus) speaks to us through our Sacred Teachings, saying, "O Great Spirit, I will honor your name before my brothers and sisters. I will sing sacred songs to you when we gather as a sacred family."

**SERMON** "Holy ~~and~~ Human" Pastor Julie

**HYMN** "We Remember You" Walt Harrah

**1 We remember you, we remember you;  
By your sacrifice of love all glory now is due.  
At this table here mercy hovers near,  
Thanks is offered up;  
In this bread and cup we remember you.**

**2 Precious, risen Lamb, Jesus who was slain,  
Now enthroned in glory, forever you will reign.  
Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace.  
Thanks is offered up;  
In this bread and cup we remember you.**

## **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** "In Christ there is no East or West"

#### **Doxology (China)**

**One in heart our thanks we tell,  
Our rice each meal won from the soil.  
A gift of God and farmer's toil,  
In joy partake; serve people well. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Dedication (Brazil)**

**Lord, isn't your creation wasteful?  
Fruits never equal the seedlings' abundance.  
Springs scatter water.  
The sun gives out enormous light.  
May your bounty teach me greatness of heart.  
May your magnificence stop me being mean.  
Seeing you a prodigal and open-handed giver,  
Let me give unstintingly...  
Like God's own.  
Amen.**

**HYMN** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#### **#347 NCH (Jamaica)**

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (Repeat)**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### HYMN "Song of Hope" (Argentina)

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new;  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (Argentina)

May the God of Life,  
be your guide on the road every day,  
be your refuge in times of uncertainty  
and be your rest in times of fatigue.  
May the God of Life,  
strengthen you when you feel weak,  
comfort you when you feel sad  
and hug you when you feel alone.  
May the God of Life,  
who loves you and knows you,  
cover you with the tenderness of a Mother.  
Forever.  
Amen.

## POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **RADIO BROADCAST**

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

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored  
anonymously by  
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**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

## 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 6, 2024

<https://youtube.com/live/0vFmVcRdUeM>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, October 6th –

- **10 AM** Deacon Host – Janice Miller  
Greeter(s) – Bonnie Shaw, Frances Short  
Usher(s) – Mickey Marty, Joel Raine  
PowerPoint – Bonnie Weyer

### **Coffee fellowship after worship -**

Sign up on back bulletin board

Oct 6 – Joel & Marla Raine  
Oct 13 – Carol Romens  
Oct 20 –  
Oct 27 -

We need people to sign up