

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

Worship Leaders:

Lexi Bergemann, Kyson Erickson, Calvin Heck,

Tyler Williams, Lexi Woods, William Ziegler

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RINGING OF THE CARILLON

PRELUDE

Holly Pisors

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Lexi Bergemann

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

**Because we keep the Lord ever before us,
we shall not be moved.**

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!
Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

**For God does not give us up to death, but shows us
the path of life. Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER (All) Lexi Bergemann

**God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and
faithfulness. Listen to us as we pour out our souls
before you. Grant us the grace to be your people and
to live your teachings. Live in us, that we may arise
with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ our
rock, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

#473 NCH Fanny Crosby

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.
[Refrain]**

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION Tyler Williams

**Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered
here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every
need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour
out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.
(Silent prayer)**

**Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our
vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams.
Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may
receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and
glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE William Ziegler

Hold fast to the confession of our hope without
wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one
who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name
of Christ, you are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE William Ziegler

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: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

#448 WR

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Jenna & William Ziegler

SCRIPTURE READINGS Calvin Heck & Kyson Erickson

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:11-25 (CEB)

¹¹ Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. ¹³ Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, ¹⁴ because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them.

After these days, says the Lord,
I will place my laws in their hearts
and write them on their minds.

¹⁷ And I won't remember their sins
and their lawless behavior anymore.

¹⁸ When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, ²¹ and we have a great high priest over God's house.

²² Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

²³ Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

²⁴ And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵ Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

SERMON "Encourage Each Other" Pastor Julie

HYMN "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

#506 NCH Joseph Scriven

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to our God in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to our God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to our God in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to our God in prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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 Lexi Woods
With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our
offerings to God.

Offertory

Doxology "For the Life That You Have Given"

#684 WR Carl P. Daw, Jr.

**For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:**

Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Dedication *Lexi Woods*

Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN *"Rain Down" #444 W&R (verses 1-2)*
Jaime Cortez arr. John Carter

Refrain:

Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.

1 Faithful and true is the Word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth. [Refrain]

2 We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve. [Refrain]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN *"Rain Down" #444 W&R (verse 3)*

3 God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life for our thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
All of our hope lies in you.

Refrain:

Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

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

YouTube link for Sunday, November 17, 2024

<https://youtube.com/live/DVN5ceskx7U>

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Phil & Donita Follen in honor of our church family.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 10th –

- **10 AM** Deacon Host – Karlene Wallace
- Greeter(s) – Kirk & Nancy Rodman
- Usher(s) – Craig Heck & Max Heck
- PowerPoint – Bonnie Weyer

Monday, November 18th –

- **9 AM** Card Making

Tuesday, November 19th –

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

Wednesday, November 20th –

- **4:30-7:30 PM** Optimist Club –
Youth Appreciation Awards
- **5 PM** Children's Christmas Program Practice
- **6 PM** – Council Meeting

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Nov 17 – Susie Karl
Nov 24- Doris Bakker
Dec 1 –
Dec 8 -

We need people to sign up

TODAY
Meal
Giveaway
UCC NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST SECOND STREET
November 17, 2024
10:45 -11:00 AM
Prepared by Neillsville Optimist Club



Next **Sunday, November 24th** we will be looking for volunteers to stay after worship to help decorate the sanctuary & narthex.

On **Monday, November 25th** after school –

any volunteers are welcome to assist in trimming the tree in the sanctuary.

