

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2020

Thank you for maintaining physical distance from other worshipers and for wearing your mask.

Instrumentalists: Dee James, Rob Datsko

Vocal Ensemble: Junella Hildreth, Fred and Marge Quist, Vince Snowbarger

MUSICAL MEDITATION *The Ash Grove* (Traditional Welsh Folk Song) UCSJ INSTRUMENTALISTS

WELCOME PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

WELCOMING SONG *He Has Made Me Glad* (Leona Von Brethorst) UCSJ ENSEMBLE

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: Ever-loving God, we gather in praise and hope.

People: We come seeking the wisdom to know your desire for us, and to live as you have instructed.

Leader: We give thanks today and every day for all that we have and all that we are.

People: Because you have blessed us, we seek to bless the world around us, to stand up to fear and hate, and reject the evils of bigotry.

Leader: As a community of Christians, we try to be faithful in our attempts to build your church; be a community of pilgrims journeying together on the road toward the light of your glorious kingdom.

People: In a world where rulers seek to divide rather than build consensus, we ask for the confidence to show your love to all people, to profess our faith without fear, and to bear witness to the call to be in the world, while always seeking to bring your justice to it. Amen.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 22:15-22**

MESSAGE **KINGDOM CURRENCY** PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above!
Praise his name - I'm fixed upon it - name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**HOLY COMMUNION**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

***Pie Jesu* (Andrew Lloyd Webber)**

Translation: Gracious Jesus

UCSJ INSTRUMENTALISTS

*This is the Lord's Table, and all are welcome here. Servers will bring communion to you. All service is grape juice.
Gluten-free communion is available. Just let your server know if that is your preference.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

PASTORAL BLESSING**SENDING SONG*****What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Joseph M. Scrien and Charles C. Converse)** UCSJ ENSEMBLE

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

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you' you will find a solace there.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.