

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2020

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

Instrumentalists: Katy Kristoffersen and Julie Larusson
Vocal Ensemble: Alice Goertz, Marge Quist, Lisa Young

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Instrumental Improvisation

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WELCOME

PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

WELCOMING SONG

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Marcus Aurelius Prudentius)

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing:
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We begin worship by recognizing that our ways have not always been God's ways. Let's turn to our merciful God to confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness and grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

Leader: Holy one, we confess that we have failed to remember your covenant with us.

People: We turn from your ways to worldly ways we created, seeking selfish gain. We forget to love our neighbors and simply tolerate them, if that. We complain and quarrel and are bitter. At times, we fail to believe that you are still at work in our world. Forgive us for our faithlessness. Forgive us for not trusting in you. Forgive us for not living into your ways of love and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Call us back into repentance, into your way, your truth, and your life for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Listen! God is calling your name. God knows the hairs on your head. God knows your heart. Hear the Good News: God's love endures forever. There is nothing you can do to separate yourself from God's love. There is nowhere you can go where God cannot find you! Know that God's love has always been with you, is with you now, and will always lead you home. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord,

People: your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We need not stumble in darkness, nor fear the night, because you send your son to be the light of the world. In this time of worship, we ask to be illumined by your wisdom through the power of your living word. Amen.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 22:34-46**

MESSAGE **THE TRUE CHALLENGE**

PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

ANTHEM ***Power of Love (Bob Hurd)***

UCSJ ENSEMBLE

Power of Love,
When the light burns low let us not be cold to a friend.
Power of love,
When the weary call let us give them all they may need.
Power of Love.

Lamb of God,
My heart overflows and Your Spirit goes where it will.
Lamb of God,
We can never know just how deep and bold love can be.
Lamb of God.

Prince of Peace,
I will sing your praise; I will make your ways my own.
Prince of Peace,
Let us all be one; let our distance come to an end.
Prince of Peace.

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.

Instrumental Improvisation

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*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 ***Sent Forth By God's Blessing (Omer Westendorf)***

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Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us:
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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