

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

THE TEWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOT
NOVEMBER 15, 2020

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Come Thou Almighty King (Charles Wesley)

ALICE GOERTZ, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

WELCOME

DEACON BOB LARSON

WELCOMING SONG

Here I Am Lord (Dan Schutte)

PAUL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: There is a richness in God's mercy – richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. There is a richness in all that God has created – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. The richness holds us in our weakness and fills us in our hunger.

People: So here, richly blessed, we have come. Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace.

Leader: There is a richness here – a gorgeous, flowing richness of unending abundance. But that doesn't mean that it guides us. Our ways – within and beyond our control – speak of something different: of lack, of fear, of something other than an acknowledgement of God's endless and beautiful river of grace.

People: But how do we step into that river? Do we step into it with trust? Do we trust the current of God's generous gifts?

Leader: Or do we run from the river? For when we run, when we turn away from God's gifts in distrust, we lose the refreshment and joy of that richness... And something else reigns.

People: Then, what's left?

Leader: Now is the time to consider just how we distrust God's abundance. Now is the time begin something new. Now is the time to trust ... differently.

Silence for personal confession.

Leader: We haven't always trusted, God. But now we do.

People: We acknowledge the richness of your blessings. We see your flowing river of love, and we wade into your grace.

Leader: There is a richness – a richness that says "yes" even in the face of our challenging "no's. There is a richness that penetrates distrust and offers so much more. This richness forgives and gives even more.

People: We know this forgiveness. And we thank you, God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Generous and loving God, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:14-30**

MESSAGE **TALENTS TO BE USED**

DEACON BOB LARSON

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Folliott S. Pierpont)
ALICE GOERTZ, FLUTE; SUE CONRAD, HORN; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

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.

Be Thou My Vision (Trad. Irish Slane, Text: St. Dallán Forgaill)
ALICE GOERTZ, FLUTE; SUE CONRAD, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

*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 *Amazing Grace* (John Newton)
PAUL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
SUE CONRAD, FRENCH HORN; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

UCSJ INSTRUMENTALISTS: *Alice Goertz, Flute; Sue Conrad, French Horn; Paul Glanville, Trumpet; Katy Kristoffersen, Piano*