

THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**Thanksgiving Worship**

November 22, 2020

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

## WELCOME

PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

## CALL TO GRATITUDE

Leader: God of the earth and the harvest  
 Spirit of life dwelling within all things  
 Holy One of many names and beyond all naming  
 call us to gratitude, for the miracle of our breath—  
 the miracle of being—here, together.

**All: Call us to gratitude.**

Leader: Call us to gratitude . . .  
 for the sacred earth which holds us, nourishes us, renews us—  
 for the sacred land upon which we live,  
 which indigenous lives have called home for generations.  
 May we find room, here on this sacred ground,  
 which is all ground,  
 for our many stories.  
 Call us to humility and pride,  
 that we might listen more deeply, and live more mindfully  
 of the beautiful and broken histories  
 which have brought us to right now.  
 May we hold the earth, and the stories that live within it,  
 in reverence.

**All: Call us to reverence.**

Leader: Call us to gratitude and simplicity.  
 as the marketplace fills with greed for more and more and more,  
 as the poor and the oppressed find less and less and less.  
 May we put our hearts toward the turning of the tables  
 so that we, together, might find new ways  
 of being, of living, of sustaining this sacred earth, these sacred lives,  
 and setting a feast of love where all might find a place at the table.

**All: Call us to contentment.**

Leader: Call us to gratitude.  
 Call us to reverence.  
 Call us to contentment.

For all that has been, and is yet to be,  
**All: for all gifts of earth, of sky, of God—**  
**Thank you, thank you, thank you.**  
**Amen.**

## SONG OF THANKS

*All Good Gifts* (Stephen Schwartz and Richard Walters)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
 But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
 He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

**Refrain**

All good gifts around us  
 Are sent from heaven above.  
 Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
 For all His love.

We thank Thee then O Father, for all things bright and good,  
 The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
 No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts,  
 But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful  
 hearts. **Refrain**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father,

**People: Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the words of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 6:25-35**

**MESSAGE**

**IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE FOOD!**

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**ANTHEM**

*In Communion We Come to You* (Katy Kristoffersen)

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We shall not live by bread alone,  
But by the bread of sincerity and truth.

In communion we come to you,  
Bearing the burdens of life.  
Yet with the faith that we have in you,  
A weightless love you provide.

In communion we come to you,  
Heavy with sadness and fear.  
Yet with each step toward  
our trust in you,  
You lift us, as we draw near.

There is no obstacle to your love,  
Though great architects we may be.  
In communion we come to you,  
Rejoicing that we are free.

Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth, let there be peace.

**OFFERING**

*We have a gift we would like to share in gratitude for you.*

**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.

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (Robert E. Kreutz)

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN

*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** *God of the Sparrow* (Jaroslav J. Vajda and Carol F. Schalk)

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God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise?

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,  
How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home?

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life?

## DISMISSAL

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* (Brian Wren)

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN

*UCSJ ENSEMBLE: Dave and Sue Conrad, Lisa Young, Vince Snowbarger  
Flowers are given by Joan Moyer in honor of the Dennis Moyer's Birthday!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM:

- Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – Men's Group, led by Bob Larson – Join through this link: <https://zoom.us/j/3387893558>  
If you have questions, contact Bob Larson at 970-325-4600.
- Thursdays, 10 a.m. – Women's Group, led by Donna Whiskeman – Join through this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95452126537> If you have questions, contact Donna Whiskeman at 970-729-0273



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We are a loving and compassionate church family that respects the dignity and integrity of each individual. We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions. We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

### WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH:

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✿ THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ✿ THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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