

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Instrumental*

Sue Conrad, French horn; Katy Kristoffersen, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Wendy Kidd

WELCOMING SONG *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* (Jean de Brébeuf, words; French carol, 16th c.)

UCSJ Ensemble

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou* sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim and
Wandering hunters heard the hymn:

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt. **Refrain**

Refrain:

"Jesus, your King is born, Jesus is born: In excelsis gloria!"

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for your.
Come kneel before the radiant boy
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy. **Refrain**

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty 'round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh
The angel songe rang loud and high: **Refrain**

**Gitchi Manitou = Great God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The windows of heaven are open, whether we realize it or not.

People: The Spirit is moving like a dove whether we welcome her or not.

Leader: This is the new age of Christ whether we serve it or not.

People: This is the hour of salvation, whether we celebrate it or not.

Leader: Here and now, people of God, I invite you to a sharpened realization, an openhearted welcome, and a lavish celebration.

(Bruce Prewer, adapted)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Wendy Kidd

Creating God, your creation story is told again and again with each person's baptism.

Your invitation to be part of the body of Christ is offered anew at each baptism.

Your claim on us as your beloved is told at each baptism.

Spark our memories of our baptism and your claim on our life.

Spark our desires to be part of the body of Christ.

God, our world is angry, sad, and confused with pandemic, political posturing, economic woes, and so much pain and suffering all around the world.

We see the damage to your beautiful creation. We feel unsafe and insecure.

And we wonder how long?

In those times, spark us to remember our baptism.

Spark us to remember that it is in you that we are truly safe and secure,
and that it doesn't matter how long.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Leader: Following a star.

People: Following God's love.

Leader: Following a call, a nudge, a quest, for our lives.

**People: Help us, O God, in the decisions we make every day,
in the "pegs" or the values that we decide to hang our life on,
that we will reflect your love and fairness in our lives and in our world.**

Leader: In the presence of the New Year,
and in remembrance of Jesus' baptism and our own,
we pledge to follow the teaching of Jesus in our lives;

**People: and try to live them out each day
in our conversations with our families, the people we meet at work,
the stranger ahead of us in the check-out line at the grocery store,
and in the quiet conversations we have with ourselves.**

Leader: We realize that we cannot do this on our own,

**People: that we are dependent on God's love and grace in our lives,
and it is only by receiving God's love for us
that we can love the "other" whom we meet in our daily lives.**

Leader: Help us also to learn what it means to be a prophet,
God's voice for right relations, among all those that we share this world with:

**People: the birds of the air, the fish of the seas,
the green grass, the animals, and the soil from which all life came,
and all the peoples of the earth,
those close to us at home, and those faraway. Amen.**

(Allan Warren, adapted)

GOSPEL READING **Mark 1:4-11**

MESSAGE **Baptismal Epiphanies**

REV. WENDY KIDD

ANTHEM ***From a Distant Home/Gloria Gloria***
(Puerto Rican carol/Traditional Taize; Jacque Bertier, music)

UCSJ ENSEMBLE

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking,
Using as our guide the star so brightly beaming.
Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,
Heaven's wondrous light, O never cease your shining!

Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy,
Token of his power to reign above in glory.
Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,
And upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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, forever. Amen.**

PASTORAL BLESSING

SENDING SONG

God's Love Made Visible!

UCSJ ENSEMBLE

(Iola Brubeck, words; Dave Brubeck, music)

God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!
He is invincible! His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
Make death surmountable! His love shall reign!

God gave his Son to us to dwell as one of us,
His blessing unto us! His love shall reign!
To Him all honor bring, heaven and earth will sing,
Praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!

Joyfully pray for peace and good will!
All of our yearning he will fulfill.
Live in a loving way! Praise him for everyday!
Open your hearts and pray! His love shall reign!

Open all doors this day of his birth,
All of good will inherit the earth.
His star will always be guiding humanity
Throughout eternity! His love shall reign!

DISMISSAL

Leader: The baptismal grace of Jesus, the unshattered love of God,
and the holy friendship of the Spirit, be with you now and always.

People: Amen!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Instrumental

Sue Conrad, French horn; Katy Kristoffersen, piano

UCSJ ENSEMBLE: Alice Goertz, Marge Quist, Vince Snowbarger, Fred Quist



UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

THANK YOU! TO NEW UCSJ MEMBER REV. WENDY KIDD FOR LEADING OUR SERVICE TODAY!

PLEASE HELP WITH THE “UN-HANGING” OF THE GREENS! MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 10:00 A.M..

All helpers are welcome and needed; please wear masks and socially distance!

HELP us by picking up and taking home a poinsettia following the service today! Or, deliver one to a friend!

This week we pray...

- ◇ Our prayers go with Pastor Pam, and husband Ken, as she retires.
- ◇ Continue to pray for Pete Whiskeman, Tamara Knutson, Ed and Marilyn Beall.
- ◇ Pray for Sue Stern as she recovers from a serious arm injury.
- ◇ Continued prayers for Carolyn Stiltner’s granddaughter, Katie, who has COVID.

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

COMMUNITY LEARNING CONTINUES JAN. 13 AT 7 PM ON ZOOM

- ◇ *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor
 - ◇ *Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Easter Vision* by John Dominic and Sarah Crossan
 - ◇ *The Pilgrim’s Progress: A Readable, Modern Day Version* by John Bunyan & revised by Alan Vermilye
- Please contact Mick Graff at mickgraff4@gmail.com if you wish to join one of these online groups.

JACK– WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY, JAN. 12 & 19, 10 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlvcOCurj4iHtHbH9rdU_D0nMIysu49pw4i/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurDwjHNSQuB2CRpwAAI_CXe7ziCVHgrd1nje8ESRmXSemOM9rK6FqRIHA Meeting ID: 862 7960 5845 Passcode: 479478

TIPSY TUESDAY RETURNS!

Join in on Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00. Share your TIPS, problems and/or solutions to household mysteries with other UCSJ friends and have a great time!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89996681403?pwd=ZUFbK09McNvhVEUyd21QTmo0R1pDUT09> Meeting ID: 899 9668 1403
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