

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2021

UCSJ Ensemble: Ron & Dee James, Alice Goertz, Marge Quist, Vince Snowbarger, Fred Quist

PRELUDE *The Single Petal of a Rose* (Duke Ellington) Katy Kristoffersen

WELCOME

WELCOMING SONG *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
(Charles Coffin, words; Trier manuscript, 15th c.)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh:
Awake and listen for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

To you, O Christ, all praises be,
Whose advent sets your people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore!

Let every heart be cleansed from sin,
Make straight the way for God within,
And so prepare to be the home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls to us:

People: "Follow me."

Leader: We have questions:

People: "How do you know us? Will we be okay?"

Leader: Jesus sees us just as we are.

People: And through Jesus' eyes, we see love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Creator God, you know us better than we can know ourselves. You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles. You call to us, inviting us to listen to your word. You speak your word, calling us into a deeper relationship with you. Open our hearts, that we may hear you clearly. Strengthen our spirit, that we may have the courage to answer your call. Be present in this time of worship and draw us closer to you. Amen.

GOSPEL READING **John 1:43-51**

MESSAGE **"God Knows"** Pastor Carol Layton

SPECIAL MUSIC *God of the Mountain* George Layton

ANTHEM*Here I Am, Lord* (Dan Schutte)

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
 I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**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****As With Gladness** (William C. Dix, words; Conrad Kocher, music)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold:
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright,
 So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare.

So may we with holy joy,

Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Him whom heaven and earth adore,
 So, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;

And when earthly things are past,

Bring our ransomed souls at last

Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds they glory hide.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. God calls; God empowers; God is with you.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:*Instrumental*

Ron and Dee James



OUR MISSION

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:

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HERE ARE OUR COVID-19 WORSHIP PROTOCOLS

We are so glad you are here. Thank you for helping us keep one another safe and for doing your part to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Our ushers, greeters and other volunteers will help you maintain appropriate physical distancing and will provide masks if you need them. We ask that you follow their instructions and adhere to the following protocols before, during and after worship. Thank you for doing your part!

If you are exhibiting any symptoms or are not feeling well, please stay at home. We also ask that you stay home if you have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for Covid-10 or if you have been in an area where there is a high infection rate. The typical self-quarantine period is two weeks to help protect others from the spread of the virus.

Masks – All attending in-person services must wear a facial covering (except for those under two or those who have breathing problems). A mask will be provided for anyone who needs one. Masks should remain on during the service and when entering and exiting the worship space.

Physical Distancing – All attendees should maintain a minimum of six feet of distance between family groups.
This includes entering and exiting the worship space as well as seating during worship.

Offering – There will be receptacles for your offerings at the entrance and exit doors.

Communion – Communion will be served in pre-packaged servings, distributed by gloved and masked communion servers. All are welcome to partake in this meal, which is the Lord's Supper.

Congregational Singing – We will refrain from congregational singing during the pandemic, but invite you to meditate on the words of hymns that are sung by our worship leaders.

Food and Drink –The church will not be serving food and beverages following worship.

Registration for Worship is Now Required – Please register for worship online at [ucsjridgway.org](https://www.ucsjridgway.org) or by calling the church office at (970) 626-5803.

Live-streaming - For those who prefer, we will be live-streaming the service so that you can participate safely from home by visiting our Facebook page @www.facebook.com/ucsjridgway or our website at www.ucsjridgway.org where you'll find a link to our Facebook page and a PDF of Sunday's bulletin.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

THANK YOU! TO PASTOR CAROL LAYTON OF DELTA FOR LEADING OUR SERVICE TODAY!

This week we pray...

- ◆ Mary Mardock will be celebrating 92 years on January 24th! Let's surround her with cards and phone calls! Her info is in the church directory, or call the office and someone will get back to you.
- ◆ Sue Stern is grateful that her surgery to reconstruct her elbow went well.
- ◆ Please continue prayers for healing for Pete Whiskeman, Ray Bevier, Tamara Knutson, Ed and Marilyn Beall, and Pastor Rime of Zion Lutheran Church in Montrose.

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED! We are thankful for the usher/greeters who have helped us be successful thus far in keeping our sanctuary safe for in person worship services. This responsibility typically takes two people about 10 minutes before worship and 10 minutes afterwards to be accomplished.

If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Clayton and Jere Beaudry at (970) 249-1744 or Alice Goertz at (574) 523-1588. You will be mailed the protocols mid-week before your sign-up. This service to our UCSJ family would be very much appreciated!

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS JAN. 22ND AT NOON. Let Barb Eliason know if you have something to go in the newsletter!

TIPSY TUESDAY RETURNS!

Join in on Zoom on Tuesday, January 19th 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=ZUFbK09McjVhVEUyd21QTmo0R1pDUT09> Meeting ID: 899 9668 1403
Passcode: 574642

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, 10:30 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. 20 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. 19, 10 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlvcOCurj4iHtHbH9rdU_D0nMIysu49pw4i/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurDwjHNSQuB2CRpwAAL_CXe7ziCVHgrd1nje8ESRmXSemOM9rK6FqRIHA Meeting ID: 862 7960 5845 Passcode: 479478

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