

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 31, 2021

UCSJ Ensemble: *Alice Goertz, Marge Quist, Vince Snowbarger, Fred Quist*

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Paul Glanville, trumpet; Katy Kristoffersen, piano

WELCOME

Deacon Bob Larson

WELCOMING SONG *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (African-American Spiritual)*

I'm gonna live so God can use me	I'm gonna work....
Anytime and anywhere.	I'm gonna pray....
I'm gonna live so God can use me	I'm gonna sing....

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

People: Great are the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: His work is full of majesty and splendor.

People: He makes marvelous works to be remembered.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice.

People: All His commandments are sure and they shall reign on earth forever.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

People: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us..

People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection

Leader: Almighty God forgives all our sins, and through Jesus Christ gives us the power to become children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

GOSPEL READING **Mark 1:21-28**

MESSAGE **“RIDGWAY DEMONS”**

Deacon Bob Larson

ANTHEM *Humble Thyself in the Name of the Lord (Arr. Katy Kristoffersen)*

UCSJ Ensemble

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord,
And He will lift you up.
Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord,
And He will lift you up.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit (African-American spiritual)*

Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
’Till I asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**

Jordan river, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul,
There is but one train upon this track;
It runs to heaven and then right back. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL Leader: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Instrumental Music*

Paul Glanville, trumpet; Katy Kristoffersen, piano



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 or by calling the church office at (970) 626-5803. There will be two services at church at 10 AM and 11 AM. Last names A-L are encouraged to worship at the 10 o'clock service. Last names beginning M-Z are encouraged to worship at 11 o'clock.

Live-streaming – For those who prefer, we will be live-streaming the services 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.

UCSJ OFFICE - (970) 626-5803

Church Office open Wednesdays, 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

THANK YOU! TO DEACON BOB LARSON FOR LEADING OUR SERVICE TODAY!

This week we pray...

For healing for Ed and Marilyn Beall, Ray Bevier, Tamara Knutson, Ann Glandorf and Tim Stodieck.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to:

Cristy Orvis Cole whose father, Travis Raven, passed away on Tuesday in Texas.

Kathy Wortman, whose mother, Alice Perrin, passed away last May in Idaho.

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 FEB 3RD 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.

NEW! UCSJ COED BOOK CLUB – TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 10 AM ON ZOOM

The Winter Army: The World War II Odyssey of the 10th Mountain Division, American's Elite Alpine Warriors by Maurice Isserman.
Set at Camp Hale right outside of Leadville and in the Italian Alps. Please let Carolyn Snowbarger know if you want to participate. Copies of the book are available in the gathering area for \$16 or you may wish to order your own copy. Even if you can't join the discussion, you may want to grab this compelling story.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS IN RIDGWAY!

A new AmeriCorp team of eight will arrive Feb 2 to continue working on the Habitat for Humanity triplex in the 400 block of north Laura street here in Ridgway. Four team members will be staying in the UCSJ trailer and four team members will be staying at the Ridgway Lodge. The last day of the Project for this team will be April 2. Please stop by the worksite sometime to welcome them and thank them for their time and effort to help others.

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