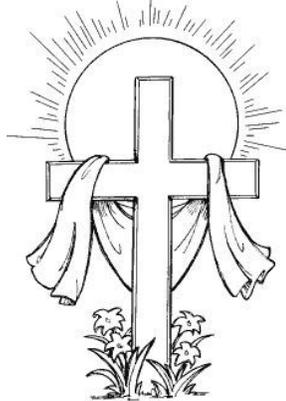


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021

PRELUDE *Beautiful One* (Arranged by Carol Tornquist)

Ron & Dee James

WELCOME

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

WELCOMING SONG *Alleluia* (Words and music: Jerry Sinclair)

Ron & Dee James

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He is worthy, Alleluia, He is worthy, Alleluia,
He is worthy, Alleluia, He is worthy, Alleluia!

He's my Savior, Alleluia, He's my Savior, Alleluia,
He's my Savior, Alleluia, He's my Savior, Alleluia!

I will praise Him, Alleluia, I will praise Him, Alleluia,
I will praise Him, Alleluia, I will praise Him, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

Pastor: The Word of life spoke:

People: reminding us not to be afraid.

Pastor: The Word of life reached out:

People: to touch us in moments we are almost overwhelmed with uncertainty.

Pastor: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

People: through the days in which we live so we might walk with hope.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor: We are reminded over and over of God's gracious forgiveness. But we still find it hard to believe, don't we? And however afraid we are to let go of our old ways, God continues to offer us new life. So, join me in confessing our fears and doubts, especially in these days, to the One who is eager to make us whole.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the brain fog of these weary days, we not only have trouble finding words of hope and life, God of Grace, we have even more trouble turning words into actions. We continue to struggle to be one in heart and soul, as we choose sides, listen to conflicting voices, and turn our backs on those who are different. And with such great grace poured out on us, we tend to hoard it, rather than sharing it with those around us.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, that we would rather stay behind the locked doors of our fears, rather than go out into the light of the future you offer to us. Fill us with healing and grace as we offer our brokenness to you, that we might be made whole. This we pray, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

Pastor: This is the good news of old, as well as fresh as today: God comes into our lives, to lead us out of fear's shadows into the life God offers to us.

People: This is the word we have heard; this is the voice we hear; this is the grace which is ours: God is faithful, forgiving us, and making us whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

SONG OF ANTICIPATION

Open Our Eyes (Words and Music by Bob Cull)

Ron & Dee James

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

MESSAGE

WHAT ABOUT THOSE DOORS?

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

ANTHEM

Amazed (Jared Anderson, Arranged by Carol Tornquist)

Ron and Dee James

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

Tomb Emptier:

just as you raised Jesus
out of the shadows and fears
of that lonely grave,
so you come to call us forth
from the fears which surround us,
to fling open the doors of our hearts
which have been locked by pandemic
and protest and politics.

Doors breacher:

you stood in the middle
of your friends in the very place
where they huddled in worry
on the first night of Easter.
As you stood in the middle
of their fear, you spoke "peace."
Come among us now,
wherever we find ourselves
on this day of celebration,
to remind us that death
no longer keeps us from
our life with you.

Breather of Peace:

come and strengthen
us with your gentle grace,
so we may go into
all the broken places to be
with all who are afraid,
to serve all who, today,
need grief-shattered hearts mended,
to breathe peace and life
into everyone we meet this day.
God in Community, Holy in One,
be with us, call us, hear us
as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying...

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

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

SENDING SONG *Shout for Joy, Loud and Long* (Words David Mowbray, Music Piae Cantiones) Ron and Dee James

Shout for joy, loud and long
God be praised with a song!
To the Lord we belong
children of our Maker, God the great life giver!

Refrain

Refrain

Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!
God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!

Yet our pride makes us fall!
So Christ came for us all
not the righteous to call
by his cross and passion, bringing us salvation!

Refrain

Now has Christ truly risen

and his Spirit is given
to all those under heaven
who will walk beside him, though they once denied him!

Refrain

DISMISSAL

PASTOR LESLIE WOOD

Pastor: Let us go forth, walking in the light of God.

People: We go to share the good news of life to a world that is struggling.

Pastor: Let us go forth, serving in the light of Christ.

People: We go to unlock the doors of fear, to bring hope to all in the shadows.

Pastor: Let us go forth, living in the light of the Spirit.

All: We go to share healing with the broken, to be a community to the lonely.

POSTLUDE *Simple Gifts* (Arranged by Jason Tonioli)

Ron and Dee James





UPOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

THANK YOU TO **PASTOR LESLIE WOOD** FOR LEADING OUR SERVICES TODAY!

Caring for one another...

Living our faith in the Risen Lord, pray for one another, reconnect and revive relationships.

We continue to pray for Joseph Sharman and Ray Bevier. We give thanks for Patty Ratliff recovering from back surgery and Tamara Knutson who received good news that her treatments are working.

PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM:

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – Men's Group, led by Bob Larson – Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3387893558>

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.. – Women's Group, led by Donna Whiskeman - Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95452126537>

COMMUNITY LEARNING - SPRING SESSION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 7 PM VIA ZOOM:

We hope you will join us for one of these studies:

- *The Common Heart: an Experience of Interreligious Dialog* by Nethanel Miles-Yepey and Ken Wilbur
- *Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Revealing the Jewish Roots of Christianity* by John Bergsma
- *Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry and Sarah Grace

It's not too late to sign up! Please contact Mick Graff at mickgraff4@gmail.com for details.



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