



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

UCSJ Ensemble: *Alice Goertz, Cindi Myers, Marge Quist, Junella Hildreth, Pam Larson,  
Vince Snowbarger, Todd Schroedel, Bob Larson & Fred Quist*

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Improvisation*

Katy Kristoffersen, piano

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Jesus who stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."* Luke 24:36



Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**WELCOMING SONG** *Lord of the Dance* (Sydney Carter, words; Shaker melody, arr. K. Kristoffersen)

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced on the Sabbath when the sky turned black;  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die. **Refrain**

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*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance and I still go on. **Refrain**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
And I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the Dance went on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness, divisiveness, and the violence of our world.**

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to seek out those who need to experience God's love.**

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Creator God, you have formed us in your image and have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. As your children, we sleep with the assurance that you will never forsake us and we awaken each day to the glory of your creating goodness. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues boldly declare that you alone are God. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Pastor: See what love God has given us that we should be called God's children.

**People: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.**

Pastor: It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when God appears we shall be in God's likeness.

**People: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.**

Pastor: Every one who thus hopes in God is made pure, as God is pure.

**People: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.**

Pastor: Whoever does right is righteous, as God is righteous.

**People: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**All: Creator God formed us in God's own image. Redeemer Christ forgives our sins and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Through the resurrection, Christ's power the Sustainer of all life, the Holy Spirit, lives and works here and now.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING 1 JOHN 3:1-7

MESSAGE **חֲדָשׁ - בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

ANTHEM *Alpha and Omega* (Erasmus Mutanbira)

UCSJ Ensemble

You are Alpha and Omega.

We give you all the glory,

We worship you, our Lord.

We worship you, our Lord.

You are worthy to be praised.

You are worthy to be praised.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

## 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

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**SENDING SONG**    *Oh Happy Day* (Edwin R. Hawkins; Arr. Mario Thurig)

UCSJ Ensemble

Oh happy day,  
(Oh happy day)

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(Oh happy day)

When Jesus washed,  
(when Jesus washed)

When Jesus washed,  
(when Jesus washed)

When Jesus washed,  
(when Jesus washed)

He washed my sins away.  
(Oh happy day)

He taught me how to watch,  
Fight and pray, fight and pray.  
And live rejoicing ev'ry day, ev'ry day.

**DISMISSAL**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Let us go forth, striving to fulfill God's will.

**People: We go forth as children of God, powered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of life promised by the Risen Christ.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**    *Instrumental Improvisation*

Katy Kristoffersen, piano



*Welcome Back Pastor Charlie!*

Pastor Charlie will be at Council Meeting tomorrow morning and will be in the office for a short while afterward. He will be working from home this Wednesday.

Each Thursday, Pastor Charlie will be sending to the UCSJ family an email entitled, "Thursday's Thoughts". The email will come from his personal pastoral email, [revpackard@gmail.com](mailto:revpackard@gmail.com). Be certain to include this email address in your contact to ensure that the message isn't sent to your spam folder.

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Pastor Charlie will be exploring the commandment to love with a focus on **1 John 3:23**.

## UPOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

### *Caring for one another...*

Our prayers this week continue for those in need of healing including Joseph Sharman, Ray Bevier and Tamara Knutson.

For the last five years, Cindi Myers has faithfully received prayer requests which she sent by email to the Prayer Team. We give thanks for all of her messages and prayers for those facing challenges and receiving the support of fellow Christians through these prayers. **Thank you, Cindi, from all of us!**

Joining the prayer team is as easy as contacting Linda Ingo at [elingo@centurylink.net](mailto:elingo@centurylink.net) to be added to the group. Having a person dedicated to lead this group as Cindi did, would also be appreciated.

### **TIME FOR AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!**

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 27**, for a drive, hike, and lunch. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM Short hike (1/2 mile easy-to-moderate) to the **Roc Creek Petroglyphs**, 14 miles south of Gateway. Eat lunch at Gateway restaurant or bring your own! You can visit Gateway's car museum. Optional drive after lunch – 22-mile gravel road (#41 & 10) along west side of the Dolores Canyon. 4WD is NOT needed! Wear your hiking boots and bring plenty of water! Please contact Carolyn Snowbarger [carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

### **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 - WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM VIA ZOOM:**

There is still time to join one of these online learning opportunities. Contact Mick Graff at [mickgraff4@gmail.com](mailto:mickgraff4@gmail.com)

- *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 Bergsm
- *Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry and Sarah Grace

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS - SATURDAY, MAY 22ND, 9 AM TO 3 PM-ish! Build Day for UCSJ!**

We will be painting siding for the triplex in Ridgway. Sign up by contacting Jackie Berger at [bergerhof17@gmail.com](mailto:bergerhof17@gmail.com).

### **WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH**

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



### **MUSIC**

Katy Kristoffersen, Director  
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Church Office hours: Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **OFFICE**

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