

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021

UCSJ Choir: *Alice Goertz, Marge Quist, Junella Hildreth, Lisa Young, Gini Barker, Liz Kuebling, Vince Snowbarger & Fred Quist*

PRELUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

Katy Kristoffersen, piano

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 1JOHN 3:23

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

WELCOMING SONG *As the Deer* (Martin Nystrom, arr. Tom Fettke)

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As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Refrain
*You alone are my Strength and Shield;
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my Friend and You are my
Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. **Refrain**

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Pastor: You anoint my head with oil, my cup is running over.

People: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Unison: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

All praise be unto you, O God, Great Shepherd of the sheep. You gather your people as lambs to your bosom; you enfold them with your all embracing love. You refresh us like a stream flowing freely with living waters; you nourish us like a host whose table is heavy laden. We gather to hear your refreshing word of promise and direction, to honor your name as our guardian and hope. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Little children, let us love not just in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

People: All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

Pastor: By this we shall know that we are of the truth, for God knows everything.

People: All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

Pastor: Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God.

People: All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

Pastor: This is what God commands: believe in the name of Christ Jesus and love one another.

People: And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit which God has given us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

All: Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries, and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Through the resurrection, Christ's power in 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.

PSALM *Shepherd Me, O God, Based on Psalm 23* (Mary Haugen, music; arr. Mark Hayes)

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Refrain

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want.
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul.
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side.
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:11-18

MESSAGE

SHEEP AMONG SHEEP

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ANTHEM *Sheep May Safely Graze* (J.S. Bach)

UCSJ Choir

*Schafe können sicher weiden
Wo ein guter Hirte wacht.*

*Wo Regenten wohl regieren
Kann man Ruh' und Friede spüren
Und was Länder glücklich macht.*



Sheep may safely graze and pasture
In a watchful Shepherd's sight.

Those who rule with wisdom guiding
Bring to hearts a peace abiding
Bless a land with joy made bright.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Your tithes and offerings may be given in the baskets located in the front entrance and side exit.
Thank you for your continued support of United Church of the San Juans.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Source of healing, Bringer of wholeness, you enter the world and cause the light to shine, the lame to walk, the sins of all to be forgiven. Whatever we bring you is a gift of your graciousness. All that we offer, you have poured out upon us. Use us and mold us to conform to your will for all people. Take our talents and apply them to spread the truth of your love. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* (African-American Spiritual)

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Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

DISMISSAL

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

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

People: **We go forth as sheep among sheep, 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

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

- ◆ Pastor Charlie will be in the office this Wednesday from approximately 10am until 4pm and on Thursday morning from 8:30am until noon.
- ◆ Next Sunday, May 2 we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Pastor Charlie will be delivering a message from 1John 4:7-21.

This week we pray for... those in need of prayer for healing, Joseph Sharman, Ray Bevier and Tamara Knutson.

TIME FOR AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE! TUESDAY, APRIL 27 - See updates below!

Meet at the church at **7:30 AM** Hike (1 1/2 mile roundtrip, moderate difficulty) to the **Roc Creek Petroglyphs**, 14 miles south of Gateway. Eat lunch at Gateway restaurant or bring your own! You can also 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! Bring a folding chair, wear your hiking boots and bring plenty of water! You may wish to join the group in Montrose for dinner after the hike. Please contact Carolyn Snowbarger carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

We will notify you on Monday if we need to postpone due to weather.

PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM:

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – Men's Group, led by Bob Larson – Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84892921946?pwd=Y3IrOVRYNytXR1dCT2ZLTtYTW4wZz09>

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

- *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

SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP - SATURDAY, MAY 8 , 9 AM TO NOON - Bring your favorite tools and join us if you can!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS - SATURDAY, MAY 22, 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.



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