

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 02, 2021

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Katy Kristoffersen, Music Direction and Piano

Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor

UCSJ CHOIR:

*Alice Goertz, Gini Barker, Junella Hildreth, Lisa Young, Liz Kuebling, Marge Quist,
Pam Larson, Vince Snowbarger, Fred Quist, Bob Larson*

PRELUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.* JOHN 15:5

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

WELCOMING SONG

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

CONGREGATION

(Caribbean Melody, Hal Hopson, words)

Refrain

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place,

Every nation, every race.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.

Sound it for the world to hear.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain

Everything that breathes now praise;

Sing your songs, let voices raise.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Play the cymbals, play the lute;

Play the timbrel, play the flute.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

from PSALM 22

Pastor: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

People: **My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

People: **And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.**

People: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Gracious God, we praise your name and bow down before you. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Despite our brokenness, the Good News of the Gospel is this that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, may we bear fruit, so that the world will know us by our love.

ANTHEM*Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

UCSJ CHOIR

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio, words and music; Joel Raney, choral setting; John Newton, original text

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

Refrain

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Refrain**SCRIPTURE***1 John 4:7-21*

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love[a] because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters,[b] are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister[c] whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters[d] also.

Footnotes

- a. 1 John 4:19 Other ancient authorities add him; others add God
- b. 1 John 4:20 Gk brothers
- c. 1 John 4:20 Gk brother
- d. 1 John 4:21 Gk brothers

MESSAGE*Embracing Diversity. Honoring Unity*

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God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

1JOHN 4:16B

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**HYMN OF PREPARATION***Let us Break Bread Together*

CONGREGATION

Condensed lyrics, African American Spiritual

**Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink from this cup on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

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

Your love, O God, is perfected in us through the gift of your chosen one, Christ Jesus. Accept what we give to you as we respond to Christ's loving-kindness, and enhance what we do, so that others may experience your tenderness. 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.

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus Shine
(Graham Kendrick)

CONGREGATION

Lord, the light of your
love is shining,
In the midst of the
darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world,
shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth
you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain
Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with
the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with
grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your
awesome presence,
From the shadows
into your radiance;
By the blood I may
enter your brightness,
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Refrain

BLESSING AND CHARGE

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

We will go forth embracing diversity of all and honoring unity,
abiding in God's love, loving one another, because God is love.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

- ◆ Pastor Charlie will be in the office this Wednesday from 10am until 3pm.
- ◆ You can contact Pastor Charlie via his email account: revpackard@gmail.com
- ◆ Next Sunday, Pastor Charlie will be delivering a message from Psalm 98.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER: We raise our voices in prayer for Joseph Sharman, Tamara Knutson and Ray Bevier. Paul Glanville will be having hip replacement on May 4th in Montrose. Let us pray that the surgery and recovery will go smoothly.

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=Y3IrOVRyNytXR1dCT2ZlTEtYTW4wZz09>

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-Yepez 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

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.

THIS WEEK’S DAILY READINGS

Monday, May 3: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, May 4: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

Wednesday, May 5: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, May 6: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 7: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, May 8: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

Sunday, May 9: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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