

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021

INDEPENDENCE DAY

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Direction and Piano* - *Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Jesus' friends and neighbors are astonished at his teaching.
They question the source of his wisdom, and his authority to perform mighty works.
He is only a carpenter's son. They can't accept him. Jesus replies to their rejection:
"Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown,
and among their own kin, and in their own house."
We too downgrade the gifts of those nearest us,
and no marvels of grace can be performed in our midst.
Mark 6:1-13

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

PSALM 100

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

² Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

A CALL TO WORSHIP OF THANKSGIVING, CONFESSION, AND PROVIDENCE [****Click here****](#)

UCSJ CHOIR

America The Beautiful (Katharine L. Bates, words; Samuel A. Ward, music; arr. Jack Schrader)

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens, O God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Your steadfast love goes before you as you set the planets in orbit and establish your covenant here on earth. You still the raging waters, and calm perturbed hearts. You are God above, beyond, and within all creation. We extol you, Our God, the Rock of our salvation. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Folliott S. Pierpoint, words; Conrad Kocher, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 40 ([CLICK HERE](#))

Verse 1: All
Verse 2: Men
Verse 3: Women
Verse 5: All

SCRIPTURE 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

MARGE QUIST

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* (Anonymous)

UCSJ CHOIR

*I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to thee*

*Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear, Lord, none but thee.*

Refrain

*Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be nor more;
guide me gently, safely o'er,
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.*

SCRIPTURE PSALM 48

- ¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,
² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
³ Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.
⁴ Then the kings assembled, they came on together.
⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;
⁶ trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,
⁷ as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. Selah
⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.
¹² Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,
¹³ consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴ that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

MESSAGE

GROWING THROUGH THE PSALMS: *Praising God*

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

PSALM 48:1

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

Tithes and offerings may be given in the baskets located in the front entrance and side exit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, who made a covenant with the house of David, we bring our gifts so that your covenant with him may be extended throughout the world. We offer ourselves here as temples of your chosen one, David's royal son, Jesus Christ. Alive in the Spirit and empowered by service, we go forth in his name to proclaim your love as a sanctuary for those who are in need. 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.

SENDING SONG* *Soon and Very Soon* (Andrae' Crouch)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 523 ([CLICK HERE](#))

BLESSING AND CHARGE

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: May our Gracious Lord bless you and keep you. And go forth walking the walk.

People: **We will go forth in faith sharing the love of God to a world in need.**

All: Alleluia. Amen.

POSTLUDE *America The Beautiful* (Katharine L. Bates, words; Samuel A. Ward, music; arr. Jack Schrader)

PUAL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO



***Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable**

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God cares for us Even the birds' melodies are more vibrant after these refreshing, glorious rains.

What a blessing for all of God's creation, let us give thanks to Him.



COMMUNION SUNDAY, July 11 - Rev. Packard will continue his series of *Growing Through the Psalms* with a reflection from Psalm 24 on Trusting the Lord.



SUNDAY SUNDAY CONCERT - July 11 at 4 PM

Bridge Over Troubled Water: Music from the 60s and 70s with Katy Kristoffersen & UCSJ Choir! Join us for great music, fellowship, & ice cream. Donations will be accepted for the Ouray County Food Pantry.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB - TUESDAY, JULY 6 AT 10 AM

Our first co-ed book club selection is *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah. Dale Laidlaw & Carolyn Snowbarger will be facilitating. You can join in-person or via Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84203542752?pwd=eTFETHkySi9MMXhKUTZUaFV4T0R1QT09>

Meeting ID: 842 0354 2752 Passcode: 022622

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?pwd=S0lyNnRxWWpLbURybnZqUTlDWmVYdz09>

Meeting ID: 338 789 3558

- ◆ Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.. – Women's Group, led by Donna Whiskeman

- ◆ Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95452126537>

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