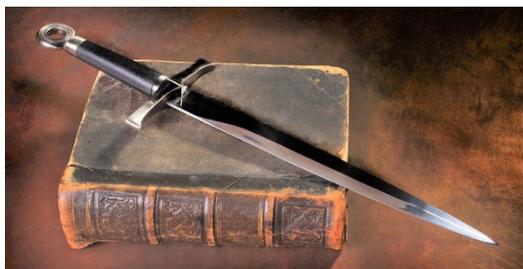


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



13TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 22, 2021

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, music - Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

As we come into the presence of the Almighty, let us be mindful that the music Prelude is our time to become quiet and prepare for worship. And, after the Pastor's Blessing and Charge allow yourself to reflect upon worship by remaining seated and respectfully enjoy the Postlude.

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRELUDE *Be Still and Know* (Anonymous) CAROL BRECKER, AND ALICE GOERTZ, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."* JOHN 6:68-69

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based upon PSALM 84*

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

All blessing, glory, and honor be unto you, O God, for your way guides our behavior and your saving power redeems us when we stray. You are beneath us as a sure foundation. You are above us as a canopy of light. You go before us as a revealer and guide. You stand behind us as the source of righteousness and peace. God of all that was, is, and shall be, we praise and adore you. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*  
(Carol P. Daw, Jr., words; Rowland H. Prichard, music)

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[HYMN #149](#) Verses 1 and 4

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- <sup>6</sup> As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- <sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
- <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.
- <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

**AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**Know that God hears our prayer. Lay aside your burden, and take courage from the gospel.  
Our loving God forgives us through Jesus Christ.**

**ANTHEM** *Canticle of the Turning* (Rory Cooney)

UCSJ CHOIR

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that God of my heart is Great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?*

**Refrain**

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring,  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth shall be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE    EPHESIANS 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**MESSAGE**

**Growing Together in Christ: *Praying in the Spirit***

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.*

EPHESIANS 6:18

**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 basket located at the front entrance.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of goodness and mercy, we bring you our offerings. We laud you with thanksgiving for the blessings you bestow. You fill us with hope; we give you our commitment. You instill in us confidence; we offer our trust. You teach us how to sacrifice; we seek to be faithful. All that we have we place before you. Use us and mold us to conform to your will. In the name of Jesus, 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.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

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

SENDING SONG *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (African American spiritual)

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HYMN NO. 481

All Verses

BLESSING Numbers 6:24:26

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May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE *Lord of the Dance* (Sydney Carter, words; Shaker melody)

SUE CONRAD, FRENCH HORN;

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

#### CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

**People: And as we pray in the Spirit, may our gracious God speak to our prayers.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Alleluia. Amen.



#### OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

#### WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA ~ THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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