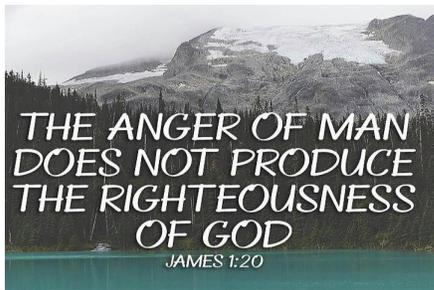


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



14TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 2021

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Dee James & Dale Laidlaw, 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

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (Arr. Tony Alonso)

CAROL BRECKER, FLUTE; DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jesus said, "There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" MARK 7:15;23

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based upon JAMES 1

Pastor: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

People: **Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.**

Pastor: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

People: **Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

God of steadfast love, you have written your testimonies upon the hearts of your people; your commandments have guided us throughout the ages. We praise you for Jesus, who makes your will known to us. We sense your Spirit at work in our lives. Throughout all creation, you maintain your loving presence and give us cause for rejoicing. We acknowledge your magnificence and give you all praise.

In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us be comforted by the words of St. Paul:

All: **"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". (Romans 8:38-39).**

Pastor: Accept God's forgiveness and rejoice in a love stronger than our sin.

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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GOSPEL MARK 7: 1-18, 14-15, 21-23

MARGE QUIST

^{7:1} Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ^{7:2} they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ^{7:3} (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ^{7:4} and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ^{7:5} So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ^{7:6} He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ^{7:7} in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ^{7:8} You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

^{7:14} Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ^{7:15} there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

^{7:21} For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ^{7:22} adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ^{7:23} All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Leader: this is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM *Sanctuary* (John Thompson and Rady Scruggs)

UCSJ CHOIR; DEE JAMES, PIANO

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.*

SCRIPTURE JAMES 1: 17-27

^{1:17} Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ^{1:18} In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ^{1:19} You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ^{1:20} for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ^{1:21} Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ^{1:22} But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ^{1:23} For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ^{1:24} for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ^{1:25} But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing. ^{1:26} If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ^{1:27} Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Christ: *Tempering our Anger*

Growing Together in

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

...your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

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

O God, with thanksgiving we offer for the mercies you give us. Glad praises we sing for the salvation Christ has won for us. Our acts we commit to your righteous judgment. We acknowledge the guidance your Holy Spirit bestows. All that we have is a gift of salvation; we commit ourselves to you in response to Christ's call. In the precious name of Jesus. 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.

SENDING SONG *Shine, Jesus Shine* (Graham Kendrick)

CONGREGATION; DEE JAMES, PIANO

[HYMN NO. 319](#)

Verses 1 & 2

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

May the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine brightly in your heart and on your face
so that you reflect the glory of God and the Good News of the gospel to everyone you encounter.

POSTLUDE *Showers of Blessing* (Arr. Jerry Ray)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **As we go, we will harbor no anger for anger does not produce God's righteousness.**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - Holy Communion - (not Sept 5th)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - Church picnic - Join us at the park after service for our annual Church Picnic! More details to follow!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 5:30 P.M. YOU are invited to the Ouray County YoungLife (OCYL) Annual Banquet at the 4H Center in Ridgway. Come enjoy a delicious dinner catered by the True Grit, a fun-filled program with updates from Leaders and kids about what OCYL relationships and activities mean to them. At the end of the evening, you will learn ways you can partner with OCYL financially, as well as with your time and talents. We build trusted friendships, earning the right to introduce kids to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Please contact Lisa Young at youngridgway@gmail.com or 410-688-0072 to make your reservation by Tuesday, September 7th.

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