

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



15TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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

Jesus made "the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." There are many blocks to our hearing and speaking. Attentive listening is necessary before we can clearly proclaim the good news of salvation. Amid society's clamor, listen for what God intends and then, without stammering, boldly announce the hope of the gospel.

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRELUDE *Hallelujah* (Leonard Cohen)

JULIE LARUSSON, FIDDLE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.* PROVERBS 22:2,22:9

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based upon PROVERBS 2

Pastor: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.

People: It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

Pastor: So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

People: The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Make your face to shine upon us, O God, and be pleased to dwell in our presence. We gather before you to give you our praise. Our ears have been opened to the sounds of angels singing hosannas; our tongues have been loosed to shout "Alleluia! Amen!" We listen attentively for your word, which brings wisdom. We wait expectantly to confess anew our allegiance in faith and our works. Make your face to shine upon us, O God, and be pleased with our worship. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

WELCOMING SONG *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Thomas O. Chisholm, words; William M. Runyan, music)

CONGREGATION

[HYMN #72](#)

Verses 1 and 3

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "*Be opened.*" ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *Power of Love* (Bob Hurd; Arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

<i>Power of Love, when the light burns low,</i>	<i>Prince of Peace, I will sing your praise,</i>	<i>Lamb of God, my heart overflows,</i>
<i>Let us not be cold to a friend.</i>	<i>I will make your ways my own.</i>	<i>And your Spirit goes where it will.</i>
<i>Power of Love, when the weary call,</i>	<i>Prince of Peace, let us all be one,</i>	<i>Lamb of God, we can never know</i>
<i>Let us give them all they may need.</i>	<i>Let our distance come to an end.</i>	<i>Just how deep and bold love can be.</i>
<i>Power of love.</i>	<i>Prince of Peace.</i>	<i>Lamb of God.</i>

SCRIPTURE JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters: if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

My friends, we do live by faith, and with it we live out the gospel in our works through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, live as free people, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia. Amen. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Growing Together in Christ: *Living Faithfully*

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

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JAMES 2:17

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

Gracious God, accept the tributes we bring, and bless our endeavors in your name. With our voices we will sing your praises; with our hands we will care for the suffering. With our feet we will seek to walk faithfully; with our hearts we will love you completely. All that we have we return to you, who endow us with bountiful gifts. 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 *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* (African-American spiritual)

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[HYMN NO. 457](#)

Verse 1: All
Verse 2: Men
Verse 3: Women
Verse 4: All

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

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 *Seek Ye First* (David Huff and Karen Lafferty)

SUE CONRAD, FRENCH HORN; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Live out the Gospel in both faith and deeds.

People: And may the Holy Spirit guide us in all we do.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Alleluia. Amen.



On behalf of the Petersen family we want to thank you for the love and support of UCSJ congregation during the recent memorial of Rev. James Petersen. Thanks to all who volunteered and made the celebration of life so meaningful and enjoyable. We feel very loved.

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.

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