

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



**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Katy Kristoffersen, Music Direction and Piano; Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

**Welcome to the family, you can feel at home here.**  
**There's a lotta love that goes beyond these years.**  
**There's nothing like the fellowship of those who love the Lord.**  
**So welcome to the family, there's always room for more.**

**PRELUDE**     *O Rest in the Lord* (Felix Mendelsohn)

ALICE GOERTZ AND CAROL BRECKER, FLUTES

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*With it (the tongue) we bless the Lord and Father,  
and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.*     JAMES 3:9

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based upon* ISAIAH 40:28-31

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**Women: God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.**

**Men: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

**All: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.**

Pastor: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

**Women: We shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

**Men: We shall run and not be weary.**

**All: We shall walk and not be faint.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and Loving God, we come to this place with confidence that you are in our presence.

We come in praise and worship and prayer.

We pray for peace, yet wars abound.

We pray for healing, yet disease persists.

We pray for light to shine in the dark places of our lives and of our world,  
and yet too often we see only dim shadows.

We pray for freedom for all peoples yet continue to see reports of enslavement and abuse.

We pray for reconciliation, and yet are beset with the turmoil inflicted by others seeking revenge.

We pray for justice and fairness, and yet feel the pain of an unjust world.

Nevertheless, we come into your presence, almighty God, because we do not know everything. Help us to trust you. With all praise and honor to you, help us to let go of the outcome and put our faith in you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN NO. 41** Verse 1: All (medium loud)  
Verse 2, All (soft)  
Verse 3: All (loud)

SCRIPTURE PSALM 19

DAVID DEALY

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *I Then Shall Live* (Gloria Gaither, words; Jean Sibelius, music; Lloyd Larson, choral setting) UCSJ CHOIR

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am his child; and I am not afraid.*

*So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;  
The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I dare to see another's point of view.*

*And when relationships demand commitment,  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.*

*Your kingdom come around and through and in me,  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;  
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,  
And may your living kingdom come in me.*

*The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,  
And may you feed a hungry world through me. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE JAMES 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

<sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

<sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

<sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

*And the tongue is a fire.* JAMES 3:6

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Let Us Break Bread Together* modified lyrics

CONGREGATION

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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE 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

## 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\*

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (African-American spiritual)

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[HYMN NO. 574](#) All verses

## BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

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POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* (Felice de Giardini)

ALICE GOERTZ AND CAROL BRECKER, FLUTES;  
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

### CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: As we leave, live out the Gospel in what we do and what we say.

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

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  
~ THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA ~



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