

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 3, 2021
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (Anonymous)

MARGE QUIST & VINCE SNOWBARGER, DUET;
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

HEBREWS 1:1-4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

OPENING PRAYER

Wise, nurturing, and welcoming God, thank you for inviting us into new understandings of your love and for lifting and holding us together in this holy space. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your children are connected through your son, Jesus Christ.. Sovereign God, may your majestic name be praised in all the earth! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based upon PSALM 8

Pastor: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **We gather as your children, connected in Christ.**

Pastor: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: **We gather as your children, seeking your kingdom.**

Pastor: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under our feet.

People: **We gather as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.**

All: **Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

WELCOMING SONG *As We Gather At Your Table* (Carol P. Daw Jr., words; Attr. B.F. White)

CONGREGATION

[HYMN NO. 695](#) Verse 1: All, medium-soft (mezzo-piano)

Verse 2: All, a cappella

Verse 3: All, loud! (forte)

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Am the Bread of Life (Suzanne Toolan; arr. Betty Pulkingham)

UCSJ CHOIR

<i>I am the bread of life;</i>	<i>I am the resurrection, I am the life.</i>
<i>You who come to me shall not hunger;</i>	<i>If you believe in me,</i>
<i>You who believe in me shall not thirst.</i>	<i>Even though you die</i>
<i>No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.</i>	<i>You shall live forever. Refrain</i>

Refrain

<i>And I will raise you up,</i>	<i>Yes, Lord, we believe</i>
<i>And I will raise you up,</i>	<i>That you are the Christ,</i>
<i>And I will raise you up on the last day.</i>	<i>The Son of God,</i>
	<i>Who has come into the world. Refrain</i>

GOSPEL

MARK 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."
⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.
⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.
¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;
¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

MESSAGE

“Let The Children Come”

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

MARK 10:14-15

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let Us Break Bread Together (African American Spiritual)

CONGREGATION

HYMN #699 All Verses

*We will be celebrating Holy Communion with a liturgical prayer prepared by
the United Methodist Church for this World Communion Sunday.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Jesus commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body* (John B. Foley; arr. Gary an Smith)

CONGREGATION

[HYMN #689](#) All Verses

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.**

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

Receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice. We present our gifts in grateful response to your love and forgiveness. Transform these gifts into blessings of your children's hopes and dreams as they commit themselves to building your kingdom. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.**

SENDING SONG *Lord of All Hopefulness* (Jan Struther, words; Irish melody) CONGREGATION

[HYMN NO. 469](#) Verse 1: Women
Verse 2: Men
Verse 3: All

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation* KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

BENEDICTION REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We are sent as your children, connected in Christ.

Pastor: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: We are sent as your children, building up your kingdom.

Pastor: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under our feet.

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