

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



20TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 10, 2021

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - Dale Laidlaw, music - Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Discipleship involves sacrifice as well as obedience. One without the other is never complete.

Sacrifice without obedience is an empty gesture, however costly.

Obedience without sacrifice is to behave in such a way that personal comfort is not disturbed.

Jesus was obedient even unto death on the cross, so that those who believe in him might receive the gift of eternal life.

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* (arr. Thomas Keesecker)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart..* HEBREWS 4:12

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based upon HEBREWS 4

Pastor: Before the Lord no creature is hidden, the one to whom we must render an account.

People: **Since, then, we have a great high priest, let us hold fast to our confession.**

Pastor: For we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

People: **Let us approach the throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in every time of need.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Eternal God, you have been our resting place through the ages. Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever. We praise you for your presence among us. You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists, peace in the midst of conflict, and hope of eternal life. Hear us now as we pay you our tribute, in glad adoration that you are God of our lives. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, the good news of the Gospel is this: While we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ came to forgive, to redeem and to restore us to right relationship with God.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN NO. 345 Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE **HEWBREWS 4:12-16**

LIZ KUEHLING

- ¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
- ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.
- ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (Thomas A. Dorsey)

UCSJ QUARTET: ALICE GOERTZ, MARGE QUIST,
VINCE SNOWBARGER & FRED QUIST

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on, to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

GOSPEL **MARK 10:17-31**

- ¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.
- ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ”
- ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”
- ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”
- ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
- ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”
- ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
- ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
- ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”
- ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”
- ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”
- ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life.
- ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Peter began to say to him, "Look we have left everything and followed you."

MARK 10:28

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 baskets located in the front entrance and side exit.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God of grace and mercy, we sing you our praises, we recite our confessions, and we offer our commitment in response to your love. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up so that we may be

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 AN 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 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (Richard Gillard)

CONGREGATION

[HYMN NO. 391](#) Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

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.
NUMBERS 6:24:26

POSTLUDE *There is a Happy Land* (arr. Dale Wood)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Jesus calls us to leave our past and follow him

People: We go with hope and anticipation for what God is about to do in and through us for God's glory.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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- 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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