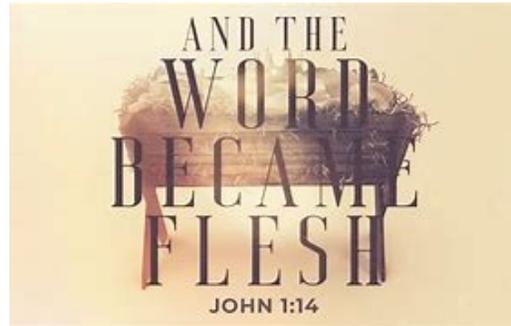


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
JANUARY 2, 2022



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

Meditation Before Worship

What a wonderful gift when the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us!
As Ecclesiastes reminds us, "That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is;
and God seeks out what has gone by" (Eccl.3:20).

Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, was in the beginning, is now,
and evermore shall be. It is a comforting thought to realize that God's presence,
"Emmanuel," abides with us as God's grace, mercy, strength,
and peace continue to embrace us in all that we do.

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRELUDE

Instrumental Improvisation

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." JEREMIAH 31:7*

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come awake! The light of God is breaking through the darkness.

People: **We bless the light, an unyielding sign of hope in times of trouble.**

Pastor: Do not fear! The love of Christ opens up a space of respite and peace for us.

People: **We bless this place, a sanctuary of rest.**

Pastor: Delight in the gifts of the Spirit, who sets a table of welcome for all.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy have found us here, in the house of our Lord, the God of
abounding love and peace.**

Pastor: Let us worship God Almighty.

OPENING PRAYER

It is good to sing you our praises, O God, for you are gracious and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. You determine the number of stars and give them their names. Your greatness abounds and your understanding is beyond measure. We will sing to you hymns of thanksgiving and make melody with songs of praise. As you take pleasure in those who hope in your steadfast love, be pleased with our worship as we lift our voices in glad adoration. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (Latin carol, 14th c.; German melody, 14th c.) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO 198 ALL VERSES

SCRIPTURE **EPHESIANS 1:3-14**

VINCE SNOWBARGER

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (Sy Miller and Jill Jackson)

UCSJ CHOIR

*Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let There Be Peace on Earth,
The peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Father,
Brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brother,
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.*

*With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally,*

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.*



¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON

The Word in 2022

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

JOHN 1:14

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let Us Break Bread Together*

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 699 ALL VERSES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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 in the front entrance.*

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 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Charles Wesley, words; Felix Mendelssohn, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 185 ALL VERSES

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: May the Peace that surpasses all understanding, be with you now and throughout the New Year.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Go now into the world. Go now, following the example of our Lord Jesus. May your lives reflect God's love and grace. May your lives reflect the life and teachings of Jesus.

People: May we continue on our journey of faith, ever growing closer to Jesus Christ and ever growing more perfect in God's love.

Pastor: Go now in God's peace. Amen.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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