

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**

1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
JANUARY 9, 2022



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

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 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* (Ruth Duck, words; William H. Walter, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO 231 ALL VERSES

SCRIPTURE ACTS 8:14-17

MICK GRAFF

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.*



GOSPEL LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

Spirit-Filled Prayer

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*...when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.*

LUKE 3:21-22

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 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (Ken Medema, words and music)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 489 VERSE 1 ALL
VERSE 2 WOMEN
VERSE 3 MEN
VERSE 4 ALL

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

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

*Indicates we stand - if comfortable

POSTLUDE *The God of All Eternity* (John L. Bell; O waly waly)

CINDI MYERS, VOCALS; 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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- 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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