

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP: *Reverend Charles Packard, Deacon Kathy Graff, Deacon Bob Larson, Vince Snowbarger, Clayton Beaudry, Liz Kuehling, Joan Moyer, Marge Quist and Katy Kristofferson, Music Director*

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: *Anwen Borgo, Anne Clayton, Karla Miller, Clint Miller, and Mike Kristoffersen*

VOCALIST: *Leslie McDonel*

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

The time has come for the wolf and the lamb to feed together and the lion to eat straw like the ox. Former things shall not be remembered, for behold, God has created new heavens and a new earth. In place of weeping shall be rejoicing, and gladness shall reign among God's chosen people. God has raised Christ from the dead and opened the gates of righteousness. Let the people enter and embrace their salvation.

Based on ISAIAH 65:17-25

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE *Hallelujah* (Leonard Cohen; arr. Tori Kelly) LESLIE MCDONEL, VOCALS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20 - NRSV

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: On that glorious first Easter morn, Christ has been raised.
People: **He is risen indeed!**
Pastor: Peace be with you.
People: **And also, with you.**

EASTER GREETING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OPENING HYMN* *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
SEE INSERT ALL VERSES

CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *from* PSALM 118

DEACON BOB LARSON

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.
People: **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
Leader: Christ has been raised!
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**
All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

*Indicates we stand - if comfortable

God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for humankind. The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation. You have raised Christ to bring us new life. We herald with gladness your anointing of Jesus and rejoice in your promised redemption from sin. Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we enter the courtyard of your redeeming grace.
Alleluia. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lute Concerto in D Major; Largo* (Antonio Vivaldi; arr. K. Kristoffersen) INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
ANWEN BORG, VIOLA; ANNE CLAYTON, RECORDER; KARLA MILLER, CLARINET; CLINT MILLER, HORN;
MIKE KRISTOFFERSEN, BASS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

LIZ KUEHLING

- ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF JUBILATION: *Jubilate Deo* (Michael Praetorius)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 303

First time: Recorder and piano

Instrumental Round: 2 times through for each instrument

Congregation and Choir in Round!: 4 total times

Right side of congregation starts ~ Left side of congregation comes in at roman numeral II
Choir comes in at roman numeral III

GOSPEL LUKE 24:1-12

JOAN MOYER

- ¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body.
⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."
⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.
¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Shout for Joy, Loud and Long

CONGREGATION

(David Mowbray, words; *Pie Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Gustav T. Holst)

HYMN NO. 304 Verse 1 : All - Verse 2: Women - Verse 3: Men - Verse 4: All

EASTER ANTHEM *Christ Arose!* (Robert Lowry)

ANWEN BORG, VIOLA; ANNE CLAYTON, RECORDER; KARLA MILLER, CLARINET; CLINT MILLER, HORN;
MIKE KRISTOFFERSEN, BASS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

UCSJ CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Low in the grave he lay - Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day - Jesus my Lord!

Vainly they watch his bed - Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead - Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose, he arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey - Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away - Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

CLAYTON BEAUDRY

*Today's offerings will help support the various ministries within our region and out four affiliated denominations.
Thank you for your generosity.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION*

MARGE QUIST

**God of eternal salvation, we come abounding with joy, transformed by your love.
Through Christ you have broken the bonds of oppression, removing all barriers to your
unending love. You have made us free to give you praise and thanksgiving.
You have our undying devotion for the grace we receive.
All our lives long we shall call your name blessed and give you the glory for this gift of new life.
Take these gifts in response to your goodness and expand them to carry out your will.
In the name of the Risen Christ. 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

VINCE SNOWBARGER

For centuries, Christians have affirmed their faith in reciting the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed, and creeds from our four denominational affiliates. Today, the UCSJ Worship Committee and Church Council invites everyone to affirm our faith in an affirmation developed from various Christian liturgical creeds.

UCSJ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
APRIL 2022

WE BELIEVE in the mystery of the One, Triune God, the Holy Trinity:

God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all and only begotten Son of God.

The Holy Spirit, Sustainer and Giver of Life, who reigns with the Creator and Redeemer.

WE BELIEVE God makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community making us heirs with Christ of eternal union with God.

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, was sent by God to walk with us, to teach us, and to proclaim God's will. Unjustly condemned for these and proclaiming the reign of God, Jesus was crucified. We believe God raised Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

WE BELIEVE the Holy Spirit engages our faith and life in Christ through Holy Scripture and the Word proclaimed. The Spirit draws us to embrace diversity and honor unity binding us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

IN GRATITUDE to the Triune God, and with believers in every time and place, we strive to serve Christ in our daily lives rejoicing that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

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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.

CLOSING HYMN* *Thine is the Glory* CONGREGATION
(Edmond L. Budry, words; George Frederic Handel, music; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

HYMN NO. 310 All Verses

BLESSING REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: May the power of Christ’s resurrection go with you.

People: **May the good news of this wondrous day go with us.**

Pastor: May the promise and hope of Easter go with you.

People: **May we in the days ahead, sing, pray, live, love, act and serve all for the glory of God.**

Pastor: Therefore, go forth in the name of the Risen Christ and the power and communion of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We go to share the good news of the Gospel.**

Pastor: Happy Easter, Christ our Lord has been raised.

People: **He is risen indeed!**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Ode to Joy/ Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE & CONGREGATION
(Christopher Wordsworth, words; Ludwig van Beethoven, music; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

HYMN NO 289 Congregation! You get to sing verses 1, 3 and 4 after the musicians play for a bit.
Watch Katy and she'll bring you in on verse 1.

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