

THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**MAY 8, 2022**

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

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,  
who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,  
teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRELUDE** *Morceau de Concours* (Gabriel Fauré; arr. Anabel H. Brieff)

KIM LUNDGREN, FLUTE;  
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

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**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*"I am the good shepherd.*

*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

*And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.*

*I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

FROM JOHN 10:11-18

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: God is love. We are created in God's image to reflect and share that love.

People: **We celebrate human love as a gift. We are given families, friends and communities in which to receive and nurture love for one another.**

Pastor: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for our mothers who gave us the gift of life.

People: **We give thanks for all the women who have loved and shaped us, comforted and encouraged us, taught us and believed in us.**

Pastor: We ask your blessing upon these women, O Lord. May your love strengthen and support them each day.

People: **Grant them your grace and wisdom.**

Pastor: Anoint them with your presence and peace.

People: **Thank you for your love and for family and friends with whom we share that love.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Shepherd, who set the Lamb in our midst to guide us, and to wipe away every tear from our eyes, we give you thanksgiving, honor, and praise. Our hearts shall not be troubled, for by your rod you guide us; neither shall we be afraid, for with your staff you comfort us. Goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and by your grace we shall dwell in your house forever. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

CONGREGATION

(Dorothy A. Thrupp, words; William B. Bradbury, music)

HYMN NO. 440 Verses 1-3

SCRIPTURE **PSALM 23** KING JAMES VERSION

LIZ KUEHLING

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *Brother James's Air* (Adap. from Psalm 23: James Leith Macbeth Bain; arr. Mack Wilberg)

UCSJ CHOIR

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for his own name's sake,  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me,  
And thy rod and staff my comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
My comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be.

And in my heart for evermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be.

**GOSPEL**      **JOHN 10:22-30** NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**MESSAGE**

*Listening to the Shepherd's Voice*  
*My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.*  
JOHN 10:27

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**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, we confess with our tongues that Christ is risen. We pledge our obedience to listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow him faithfully. Hear our prayer and accept our commitment, for they are offered in the name of Christ our 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

**JOYS AND 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** *The Trees of the Field* (Steffi Geiser Rubin, words; Stuart Dauermann)

CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 710**

1st time through: learn it!  
2nd time through: get better at it  
3rd time through: put your hymnals down and clap with me! \*

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

**BLESSING**

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*May the God of all peace still your anxious mind.  
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**POSTLUDE** *Hamburger Sonata, First Movement* (C.P.E. Bach)

KIM LUNDGREN, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

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Pastor: Go forth from this place and in your prayers, listen to the Shepherd's voice.

**People: We go forth striving to follow our Lord.**

**All: Alleluia. Amen.**

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