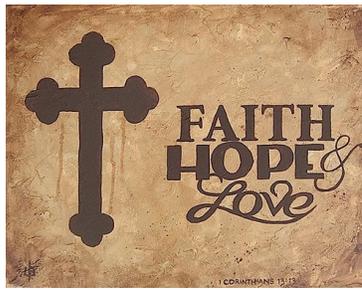


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 14, 2022**

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

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

*The fire of judgment and the water of baptism were symbols of Jesus' compelling call to ministry; they still are. What one enflames, the other can quench. Jesus forecasts a time of division when households will be divided. Within the household of faith, baptism is the sacrament that binds us together; whatever our differences, we are still one. As the body of Christ, obey what Christ teaches and be reconciled one to another.*

*from LUKE 12:49-56*

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*The days are surely coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.  
JEREMIAH 31:31*

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from PSALM 80*

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!

**People:** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Pastor: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

**People:** Restore us, O Lord of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER**

**You lift our drooping hands, O God, and strengthen our weak knees. You make straight the ways of the faithful and keep those who trust you from falling. We shall make known your holiness and proclaim your peace. In the name of Jesus, who sits at your right hand, we gather to praise you, God of all grace. Amen.**

**WELCOMING SONG** *I Am Thine, O Lord* (Fanny J. Crosby, words; William H. Doane, music)

CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 408 Verses 1, 2 and 4**

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?

<sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!"

<sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

<sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.

<sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD.

<sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *Come to the Water* (John Foley)

UCSJ CHOIR

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
All who labor, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:  
Come to the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets--

<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

<sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

<sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--

<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

*Pressing On In Faith*

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...*

HEBREWS 12:1

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

All praise and honor be unto you, O God, for your faithfulness throughout the ages. We could offer you nothing were it not for Christ our Redeemer. We could not walk obediently without your Holy Spirit to guide us. We could not bring you our offerings except for your grace. We are yours, blessed God. Use us now! 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

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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Henry Van Dyke, words; Ludwig van Beethoven, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 59 Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Men  
Verse 3: Women  
Verse 4: All

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*May the God of amazing grace give you eyes to see beauty everywhere,  
hands to do good to everyone, and hearts to bless all you meet.*

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Go forth from this place inspired to press on and faithfully run the race.

People: We go forth striving in faith to serve Christ in all that we do.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

## OUR MISSION

- 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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