

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



**TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 28, 2022**

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

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

Jesus gives house rules to his disciples—that is, how to govern ourselves in the household of faith. For example, sit at table in the lowest place.

You may be invited to move up higher. When you give a party, invite those whom others might shun; you will be blessed. Two lessons worth remembering: Be humble and forget not the needy. God will exalt you and remember your faithfulness.

*from* LUKE 14:1,7-14

**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* HEBEREWES 13

Pastor: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

**People:** **The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?**

Pastor: Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you. Imitate their faith.

**People:** **Through Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER**

**O God of truth and justice, in Christ you have taught what it means to obey you. We glorify your name. You are the immovable rock of salvation, the stone upon which we build our faith. When trials beset us, you offer safe haven. Amid tribulation, you remain a bulwark of strength. We shall dwell all our days atop your holy mountain, and there offer glad praises for the salvation you bring. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 423 Both Verses

SCRIPTURE JEREMIAH 2:4-13

KRISTI SNAPP

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *We Labor Unto Glory* (Craig Harris, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

*My God, my God, where e'er I go, glory.  
Where I reap and where I sow glory.  
When my hand, it grips the thorn glory.  
In the still and in the storm. Glory. Glory.*

**Refrain**

*Oh, we labor unto glory when heaven and earth are one,  
Oh we labor unto glory, until God's kingdom comes.*

*The sun it shines and then goes down, glory.  
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glory.  
Dust, it blows and ends my days. Glory.  
Hearts, they burn beneath Your gaze.  
Glory. Glory. **Refrain***

*My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound, glory.  
Where thorns no longer curse the ground. Glory.  
Trim the wick and light the flame. Glory.  
My work, it will not be in vain.  
Glory. Glory. **Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16**

- <sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue.
- <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.
- <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.
- <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
- <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"
- <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

**THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING: *Trusting God***  
*So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."*  
HEBREWS 13:6

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**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

*Sisters and brothers, recall the words of Scripture. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."  
It is Christ who said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." So, come to Christ, trust in the Lord,  
and there find the assurance that we are forgiven.*

**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 our Host, we come to your banquet of eternal redemption with gifts befitting our new life in Jesus.  
Receive them as signs of our trust in you and our commitment to be your faithful stewards.  
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** *How Can I Keep from Singing?* (Robert Lowry)

CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 424      Verse 1 right into Verse 2  
Refrain  
Verse 3 right into Verse 4  
Refrain

**BLESSING**

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*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*  
NUMBERS 6:24-26

**POSTLUDE** *Instrumental Music*

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**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

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Pastor: Go forth from this place inspired to trust in the Lord.

People: **We go forth knowing the promise of God that the days are surely coming.**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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