

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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**



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

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

The subject, so says the inscription in the NRSV Bible, is the cost of discipleship.  
At what expense does one follow the Christ? Our devotion should be a labor of love.  
Any who cannot carry the cross ought to rethink their decision.  
To follow Christ involves renouncing allegiance to whoever and  
whatever may get in the way. Are you ready?

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRELUDE** *O, How I Love Jesus* (Frederick Whitfield, words; American melody)

UCSJ CHOIR

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

**Refrain**

**O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;  
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. **Refrain**

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below. **Refrain**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND PREPARATION**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,  
yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love.*

PHILEMON 8-9

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from* PSALM 139

Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Pastor: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them—they are like the sand.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**O God, our Rock and Redeemer, you are the stronghold and the refuge of faith, the foundation of hope and the safeguard for all who praise your name. With you we can walk and not stumble, run and not fall, and lie down in safety. We shall fill our days with visions of your lofty splendor, and consider each moment as sacred because of your grace. Amen.**

**WELCOMING SONG** *Let's Sing Unto the Lord* (Carlos Rosas)

CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 33 ALL Verses in English**

**GOSPEL**      **LUKE 14:25-33**

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<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

***Labor of Love***

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

LUKE 14:27

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God in Christ, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, but it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to follow and obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**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**

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

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.  
Offerings may be placed in the basket in the front entrance.*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**      *Let us Break Bread Together*      **HYMN NO. 699**

**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**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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**      *Shout to the Lord* (Darlene Zschech)      CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 94**      **Both Verses**  
**Sing the refrain 2x the last time through**

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**      REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**Pastor:** As we leave, may the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you this week and evermore.  
**People:** **And may we respond to God's grace in serving our church with a labor of love.**  
**All:** **Alleluia. Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING**      *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* (Perter C. Lutkin)      UCSJ CHOIR

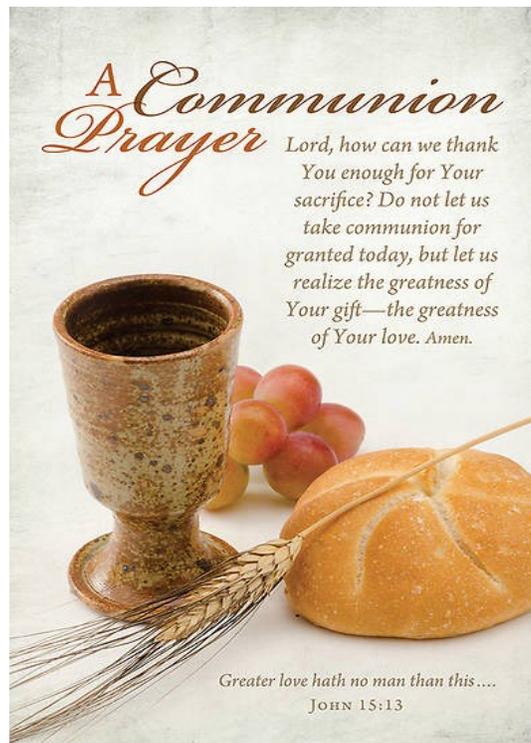
**POSTLUDE**      *Instrumental Music*      KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

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- 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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