

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

To find what was lost is cause for rejoicing, even though the quest seemed endless.
What is lost preoccupies our thinking; we retrace our steps in search of some clues.

God's quest is consuming in search of lost ones.

There is rejoicing in heaven when someone repents.

from Luke 15:1-10

PRELUDE *On Eagle's Wings* (Michael Joncas; Arr. Joel Raney)

CAROL BRECKER, FLUTE;
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost.*

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: **We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.**

Pastor: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: **We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.**

Pastor: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

People: **Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Great and wonderful are all your works, O God; majestic is your name. Unto the ends of the earth you display your dominion. Beyond the reaches of the heavens your glory shines. Hear the praises we offer as we gather to worship. As we open your Word, we discern your goodness. Your way is holy, great God of all. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
(Joachim Neander, words; *Stralsund Gesanbuch*)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 71 Verse 1: Medium Loud
Verse 2: Softly
Verse 4: Joyfully Loud!

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *I Believe* (Mark Miller)

UCSJ CHOIR

I believe in the sun

I believe in the sun

Even when, even when it's not shining

I believe in love

I believe in love

Even when, even when I don't feel it

I believe in God

I believe in God

Even when, even when God is silent

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-10

- ¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.
- ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
- ³ So he told them this parable:
- ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
- ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
- ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'
- ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
- ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'
- ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

MESSAGE

Recovering the Lost

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

LUKE 15:10

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

O God, you desire steadfast love and not sacrifice; we seek to know you, not to placate you.
We offer what we have, and ourselves. Accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to love you more fully, and receive our response in obedience as a symbol of our dedication to serve.
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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (African-American spiritual)

CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 80 All Verses

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 *Air, from Suite No. 3 for strings* (J.S. Bach)

CAROL BRECKER, FLUTE; SUE CONRAD, HORN;
MIKE KRISTOFFERSEN, STRING BASS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Go forth from this place inspired to follow Jesus.

People: We go forth striving to answer the call of Jesus to recover the lost.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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CHURCH PICNIC - TODAY

Join us across the street in the park after worship service. The church is providing beverages, the main dish, plates, silverware, napkins etc.

Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and our Colorado fall weather.



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