

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



**18TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 9, 2022**

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

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Ten lepers begged Jesus for mercy. Jesus sent them to the priests and as they went they were cleansed. But only one, an outsider at that, returned to praise God for the healing received. "Where are the nine?" asked Jesus.*

*The lesson is this: Have faith that your prayer will be answered, and in faith thank God for the mercy you received.*

*from LUKE 17:11-19*

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

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

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.*

PSALM 66:1-2

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We yearn to be in the presence of the Holy One,

People: **To linger in the house of prayer,**

Pastor: To walk beside still streams,

People: **To behold the radiance of creation,**

Pastor: To sing as matches our joy,

People: **To offer our sacrifice of service,**

Pastor: To dwell all our days enfolded in the love of God,

People: **To praise God with our deeds and melodies.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

People: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we come within the gates of your heavenly dominion and enter your courts to give you our praise. You are God whose splendor fills the temple; our eyes behold the signs of your steadfast love. With our hands cleansed through the forgiveness of Jesus we shall go about your altar singing songs of thanksgiving. Your works are wondrous and worthy of tribute; hear our rejoicing as we lift before you glad adoration. Amen.

**WELCOMING SONG** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

CONGREGATION

(Isaac Watts, words; Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, 1784)

**HYMN NO. 31**

**All Verses**

**GOSPEL**      **LUKE 17:11-19**

JUNELLA HILDRETH

- <sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.  
<sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,  
<sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"  
<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."  
    And as they went, they were made clean.  
<sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.  
<sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.  
<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?  
<sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"  
<sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**ANTHEM** *Seek Ye First* (Karen Lafferty)

UCSJ CHOIR

<i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God</i>	<i>Ask, and it shall be given unto you,</i>
<i>And it's righteousness,</i>	<i>Seek and ye shall find,</i>
<i>And all these things shall be added unto you;</i>	<i>Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;</i>
<i>Allelu, alleluia!</i>	<i>Allelu, alleluia!</i>

**SCRIPTURE**      **2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15**

- <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel,  
<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.  
<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ  
    Jesus, with eternal glory.  
<sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.  
<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good  
    but only ruins those who are listening.  
<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed,  
    rightly explaining the word of truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

**PREPARING THE WAY: *By Communicating***

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

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which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.*

2 TIMOTHY 14

**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 goodness, you bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We come with thanksgiving for your boundless acts of mercy. Receive now our offerings. Use them to heal the suffering and make whole once again those whose lives are broken. We give what we have in the name of Christ, who gave to all who believe the gift of hope. 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**

*As the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy."  
The congregation responds with "Speak to our prayers."*

**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** *O Come to Me, the Master Said* (Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; English melody) CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 346 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** *Instrumental Music*

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**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**Pastor:** Go forth from this place inspired to speak the truth in love of Jesus.

**People:** We go forth striving in our words and actions to recover the lost.

**All:** Alleluia. Amen.

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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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