

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**21ST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 30, 2022

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

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Today we celebrate our Reformed Tradition as this is known as Reformation Sunday. Five Hundred and five years ago tomorrow, Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the chapel doors in Wittenberg, Germany. He did so with deep commitment not intending to ignite the Protestant Reformation which had been simmering for years. He later wrote:

*“From the beginning of my Reformation I have asked God to send me
neither dreams, nor visions, nor angels,
but to give me the right understanding of his Word,
the Holy Scriptures; for as long as I have God’s Word, I know that I am walking
in his way and that I shall not fall into any error or delusion.”*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Thomas Chisholm, words; William M. Runyan, music) SUE CONRAD, HORN;
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

If you would like to read the text while they play, see #72 in the hymnal

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all our might.*
DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Prepare the way.

People: We reorient our lives to the One who calls us by name.

Pastor: The call to discipleship carries with it costs: obedience, sacrifice, commitment.

People: With deep devotion we proclaim, “We prepare the way to do God’s will.”

Pastor: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

**O God of our salvation, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you establish the mountains and still the waters. In our deepest commitment,
we shall not cease to give you praise and bless your holy name. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 574 **All Verses** (*I'm gonna work/pray/sing*)

SCRIPTURE **2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-4, 11-12**

MARGE QUIST

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.

⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *Humble Yourself* (Arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

*Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord,
and He will lift you up.
Hallelujah!*

GOSPEL **LUKE 19:1-10**

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

MESSAGE

PREPARING THE WAY: *Through Commitment*
For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

LUKE 19:10

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

Merciful God, chosen to serve you, we bring you our tributes. You are the God who delivers us; glad praises we sing. All that we have are gifts of your graciousness. With deep commitment, we are stewards of your mercy, called to serve. Accept these offerings as signs of our faithfulness throughout each day. In the strong name of Jesus. 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 *How Great Thou Art* (Stuart H. Hine)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 51 Verses 1, 2 and 3

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*
2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

POSTLUDE *Shout to the Lord* (Darlene Zschech)

SUE CONRAD, HORN; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

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CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Go forth and prepare the way.

People: We go forth with deep commitment striving to listen to the call of God.

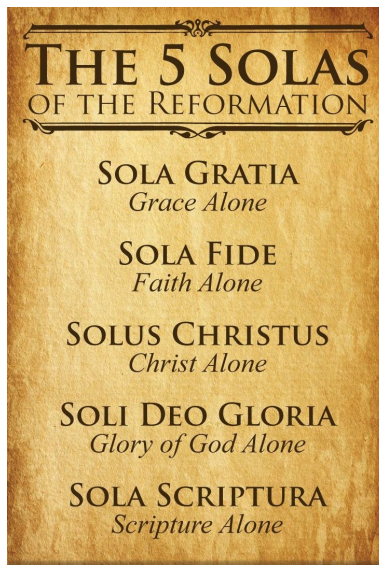
All: Alleluia. Amen.

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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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