

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

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor; Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director; Dale Laidlaw, piano*

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRELUDE** *Lord of the Dance* (Sydney Carter, words; shaker melody)  
Hymn No 118 - Sing along with us!

UCSJ CHOIR

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND PREPARATION**

**Creator God, we gather remembering your mighty acts and the saints that you have blessed. In the sharing of Holy Communion, we are reminded of the heavenly banquet that you have gone on before to prepare for us. For all that you have done, are doing, and will do for us, we give you thanks and praise. Send your Holy Spirit to open our hearts so that the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, the prayers that we say, the bread which we break, and the songs that we sing find acceptance in your grace. Amen.**

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*  
MATTHEW 11:28-30

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*adapted from Isaiah 40:28-31*

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: God does not faint or grow weary;

**People: God's understanding is unsearchable.**

Pastor: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

**People: For all the Saints...past, present, and future.**

Pastor: Saints wait for the Lord renewing their strength.

**People: For saints mount up with wings like eagles.**

Pastor: Saints run and shall not be weary.

**People: All the saints shall walk and not faint.**

**All: Let all the saints worship God.**

## PRAYER OF THE SAINTS

**Gentle God, you shepherd all the saints in times of troubled past and in days of hope and promise. Let us move forward with hope, borrowing on the strength of all that has been so that we might give witness to all that is to be.**

Pastor: We come before you and name those saints from this Body of Christ that in the past year you have welcomed into your eternal presence:

**BOB BECKER**

**WILLIAM HALASZ**

**KATSY CLARK**

**MELODEE KELLY**

**ART DODD, SR.**

**SALLY SWARTZ**

**Each of us praise you for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us, beside us and in the future.**

*Silent reflection and prayer of thanksgiving for saints in our lives.*

Pastor: Therefore, Eternal God, as you have to all the saints of the past, anoint us as saints of the present with your spirit of blessing, that we as saints of tomorrow be as Christ to one another, in our welcome, our care, and our gentleness. In the strong name of the Risen Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

## HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

*For All The Saints*

CONGREGATION

(William W. How, words; Ralph Vaughan Williams, music)

HYMN NO. 529

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*from Matthew 6:25-34*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Do not worry."

**People: We strive to do so as we live by faith.**

Pastor: Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet our gracious God feeds them.

**People: Truly a mark of faith.**

Pastor: Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

**People: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we continue to prepare the way and do so in our journey of faith.**

## SCRIPTURE

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

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<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

**PREPARING THE WAY: *With Christlike Gentleness***

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*Let your gentleness be known to everyone.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:5

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. Forgive the wrong that we have done, and the bless the good we have accomplished as we strive to be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving and gentle. Continue loving us, helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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* (African-American Spiritual) 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.

**CLOSING SONG**      *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (James K. Manley, words and music)

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**HYMN NO. 326**      All Verses

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console.  
To be understood, as to understand.  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

\*Indicates we stand - if comfortable

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

UCSJ CHOIR

**POSTLUDE**     *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (arr. Anna Laura Page)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

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Pastor: As we leave, live out the Gospel in gentleness in what we say and what we do. And may the words of St. Paul guide United Church of the San Juans on our journey:

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, I say again rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Do not be anxious, but in everything in prayer and thanksgiving, present your lives to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard and guide your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.”*

**People: And may the Holy Spirit help us and guide us in all we do.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**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.

### WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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