

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



REIGN OF CHRIST
24TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director; Vince Snowbarger, Worship Leader;*
Kelvin Kent, Guest Speaker

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

*At the crucifixion, Jesus was mocked and asked if he was indeed King of the Jews.
As Jesus hangs on the cross, with one also hanging on his right and one on his left,
he is asked if he is truly the Messiah, why does he not just remove himself?
Or, why, a person of his lofty kingly position, can he not save himself
and those who are punished with him. One says to him,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Jesus replies, "Truly, I tell you, today, you will be with me in Paradise."
As they cast lots for Jesus' clothing the lot of those who believe in him will be eternal life.*

from LUKE 23

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

VINCE SNOWBARGER

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Jesus is the head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
So that He might come to have first place in everything.*

COLOSSIANS 1:18

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from LUKE 1

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for you have looked favorably upon your people.

People: You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of your servant David.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

We come into your courts with praise, O God, and sing in glad adoration. You fill the temple with your majestic presence. We bow in awe at the sight of your holiness. Your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, as in Christ we shall dwell in your house forever Amen.

HYMN NO. 48 Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE PSALM 46

MARGE QUIST

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *We Labor Unto Glory* (Craig Harris, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

My God, my God, where e'er I go, glory.
Where I reap and where I sow glory.
When my hand, it grips the thorn glory.
In the still and in the storm. Glory. Glory.

Refrain

***Oh, we labor unto glory when heaven and earth are one,
Oh we labor unto glory, until God's kingdom comes.***

The sun it shines and then goes down, glory.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days. Glory.
Hearts, they burn beneath Your gaze. Glory. Glory. **Refrain**

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound, glory.
Where thorns no longer curse the ground. Glory.
Trim the wick and light the flame. Glory.
My work, it will not be in vain. Glory. Glory. **Refrain**

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 Christ, in whom the fullness of the Godhead dwells, we offer ourselves to your service. Let time be blessed by your presence. Let skills enrich the life of humankind. Receive what we bring as offerings to you. Make use of them and of us, for the sake of your holy gospel. 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**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

VINCE SNOWBARGER

Lord God, let me never forget all that you do for me on a daily basis. Sustain me with the hope of my salvation and the other countless blessings you provide with your continuous presence in my life. Lead me to live my life in testimony to your incredible blessings, that your love may be known and experienced by all those I serve, in Jesus' name. Amen.

We bring this to you in the strong name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray.....

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* *Gracious Spirit - Holy Ghost* (Christopher Wordsworth)

CONGREGATION

SEE INSERT

Hymn No. 318 in Blue Hymnal

Verses 1, 2 & 4

BLESSING

VINCE SNOWBARGER

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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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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