

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2022

Jesus Is... A Service of Lessons & Carols



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director; Carolyn Snowbarger, Junella Hildreth, Angela Ledgerwood, Michael Moore, Marge Quist, and Bob Larson*
Kim Lundgren, Special Music

WELCOME

CAROLYN SNOWBARGER

PRELUDE *Sleep, Little Jesus* (Polish carol)

KIM LUNDGREN AND KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

GATHERING PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful Jesus, we wait for you to come again. We know that you will because you already have. You have come to show us how to be truly human. You have come to bring living water. You have come to reign over the whole cosmos. You have come to gather your people as a shepherd gathers his flock. You have come to save us from sin and death. Prepare us for your coming so that we may rejoice with all the saints on that day. We pray in the name of the one who came and who is to come, Jesus Christ.

HYMN NO. 153 - Both verses *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (Charles Wesley, words; Rowland H. Prichard, music)

JESUS IS ... THE NEW ADAM

JUNELLA HILDRETH

Remember this story from the book of Genesis—the beginning: Genesis 2:4–9

Remember these words written to the church of Colossi in the first century: Colossians 1:15–20

HYMN NO. 185 - Verses 1 and 2 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (Charles Wesley, words; Felix Mendelssohn, music)

JESUS IS ... THE NEW NOAH

ANGELA LEDGERWOOD

Remember this story of God’s friend Noah from the book of Genesis: Genesis 7:1–5

Remember these words by the apostle Peter from the book of 1 Peter: 1 Peter 3:18–21

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for the promises we received through baptism. Help those of us who are young in faith to go from the milk to the meat of the Word and no longer be as babies in Christ, but strong in faith, hope, and love. Help those who are mature to continue to grow in Christ-likeness, to be steadfast, and to be fruitful with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN NO. 198 - Verses 1 and 2 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (Latin carol, 14th c.; German melody, 14th c.)

JESUS IS ... THE DAVIDIC KING

MICHAEL MOORE

In 2 Samuel 7, God made this promise to King David: 2 Samuel 7:11–14, 16

In Luke we read of the fulfillment of that promise: Luke 1:30–33

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fantasia on Greensleeves*

KIM LUNDGREN, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

(Ralph Vaughn Williams; Arr. Michael Mullinar)

The story in Luke’s gospel continues: Luke 2:4–7

MICHAEL MOORE

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Heavenly Father, in the days of Noah, you placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of your covenant with us and the animals, that you will never again destroy the earth with water. You keep your promises, God. We praise you. In the days of Moses, you wrote your word on tablets of stone, a sign of the covenant with the children of Israel, to direct your people toward you, and to bless them with a flourishing society. You keep your promises, God. We praise you. In the days of David, you promised to raise up one of his descendants to a kingship that would never end. You gave us your son, Jesus, also a son of David, who rules not as a dictator, but as a servant-king. You keep your promises, God. We praise you. Amen.

HYMN NO. 179 -Verses 1 and 2 *Joy to the World!* (Isaac Watts, words; George Frideric Handel, music)

JESUS IS ... THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MARGE QUIST

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

The Lord watches over me. He takes care of all my needs. He gives me a home to live in. He gives me water to drink. He gives meaning to my life.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

He guides me along the right way. Even when I'm walking by myself into a strange place, I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord is with me to help me and give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

He gives me food to eat. I always have enough to drink. He has blessed me with many things. I will never be able to repay him for his kindness.

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

Remember these words of Jesus from the gospel of John: John 10:11–17

SILENT REFLECTION

Jesus invites us to listen for his voice in this time of silence. Please reflect on how Jesus has cared for you.

HYMN NO. 189 - Verses 1 and 2 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (James Montgomery, words; Henry T. Smart, music)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BOB LARSON

**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.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church through your gifts, tithes, and offerings.

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**

JESUS IS ... THE SAVIOR

In Luke we see Jesus through Simeon's eyes: Luke 2:25–32

HYMN NO. 182 - Verses 1 and 3 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Attr. John F. Wade)

POSTLUDE *The First Noel* (English carol)

KIM LUNDGREN AND KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

BENEDICTION:

Now, Master, you are letting your servants go in peace as you promised; For our eyes have seen the salvation that you have made ready in the sight of the nations; A light of revelation for the Gentiles And glory for your people Israel. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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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