

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

JANUARY 1, 2023



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director - Rev. Harry Strong, Guest Pastor*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. HARRY STRONG

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* (Arr. Dona Gilliam and Mizzy McCaskil)

KIM LUNDGREN, FLUTE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNA STRONG

Leader: We are the people of God, marked by water, claimed by the Spirit.

**People: We are the Body of Christ, gathered around His Table,
fed by the Bread of Life, filled with the Cup of Joy.**

Leader: We are the community of faith, following Christ's example,
seeking wisdom and guidance for the New Year.

**People: We have gathered to worship
and to be sent forth renewed and empowered.**

OPENING HYMN* *The First Noel* (English carol; W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*)

CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 229 Verses 1 & 2

UNISON PRAYER

ANNA STRONG

Eternal God: You make all things new. We know that You will be faithful in the days to come, just as You have been in years gone by. We thank You for gifts received that we cannot begin to count: for life and health and loving family members and friends – for work and leisure – for this particular family of faith - and above all, for Jesus Christ, who lifts our hopes in times of despair and leads us into the future, empowered to love, and eager to serve. Amen.

ANTHEM *Go Tell It On The Mountain* (Traditional, Arr. Lloyd Larson)

UCSJ CHOIR

*Indicates we stand - if comfortable

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.
- ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
- ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
- ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
- ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
- ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

THE OFFERING

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

THE OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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.

CLOSING HYMN * *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* (Louis F. Benson, words; English melody)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 242 All Verses

BENEDICTION

REV. HARRY STRONG

POSTLUDE *What Child is This?*

KIM LUNDGREN, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN; PIANO

(Arr. Dona Gilliam and Mizzy McCaskill)

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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.



FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT
NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE,
NEITHER ANGELS NOR
DEMONS, NEITHER THE
PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE,
NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER
HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR
ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL
CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO
SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE
OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST
JESUS OUR LORD.
◦ ROMANS 8:38-39 ◦

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