

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

**2ND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 15, 2023**



**LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director - Deacon Bob Larson***

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Illumine us, Lord, by your Word and Sacraments so that your people may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

DEACON BOB LARSON

*Do not forget to do good and to share with others.*

HEBREWS 13:16

Pastor: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Your servant, John the Baptist, was sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior.

**People: Make us to follow his teaching and example.**

Leader: Knit us together, in unity, by your Spirit.

**People: May we ever stand firm upon your one foundation. Amen.**

**WELCOMING SONG** *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

CONGREGATION

(Fred Pratt Green, words; Neuvermehrtes Gsangbuch, 1693)

**HYMN NO. 241**

**Verses 1 and 2**

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.  
<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.  
<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.  
<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.  
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."  
<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.  
<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

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 JOHN: 1:29-42

DEACON BOB LARSON

- <sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'  
<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."  
<sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.  
<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'  
<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."  
<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,  
<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"  
<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.  
<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"  
<sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.  
<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.  
<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).  
<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

MESSAGE

*Waiting Patiently Upon the Lord*

DEACON BOB LARSON

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

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

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 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad* (Latin hymn, 15th c.; Trier manuscript, 15th c.) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 244 Verses 1-3

BLESSING

DEACON BOB LARSON

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE

DEACON BOB LARSON

Leader: Go in Peace, To Love and Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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- 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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