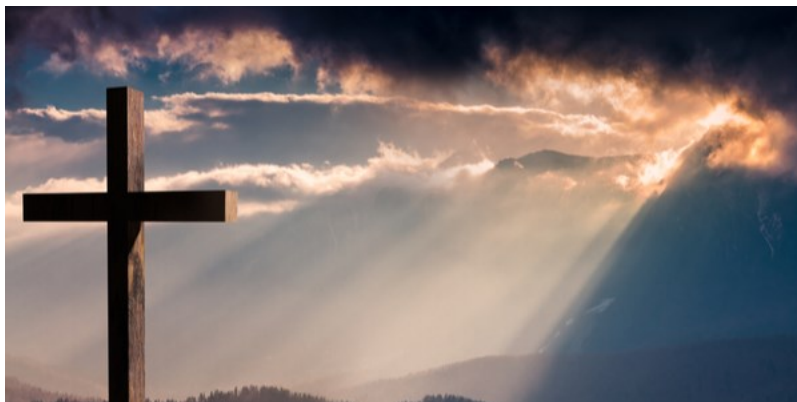


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 22, 2023**



**LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP** - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director* - *Pam Larson, Guest Speaker*

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

*As we learn to truly respect one another's differences, the most sought-after ideal — loving partnership that fosters emotional and spiritual growth — is becoming a reality.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MARGE QUIST

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE**

MARGE QUIST

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

ISAIAH 9:2

Leader: Peace be with you.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from PSALM 27: 1, 5-6

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

Leader: To behold the fair beauty of the Lord

**People: and to seek him in his temple. Amen.**

**WELCOMING SONG** *We Shall Overcome* (African-American Spiritual)

CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 512**

**Verses 1, 3, 5 and 6**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

<sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM** *Christ Be Our Light* (Bernadette Farrell)

UCSJ CHOIR

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Chorus**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts.***

***Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Chorus**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. **Chorus**

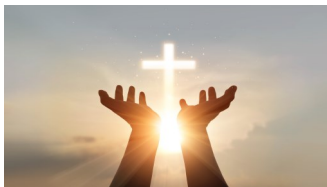
Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone. **Chorus**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. **Chorus**

**MESSAGE**

***"Uniting Light"***

PAM 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

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 *This Little Light of Mine* (African-American Spiritual)

CONGREGATION

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.	Even in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine. Even in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine. Even in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.
Ev-rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev-rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev-rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.	To everyone I meet, I'm gonna let it shine, To everyone I meet, I'm gonna let it shine, To everyone I meet, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

BLESSING

PAM LARSON

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE

PAM LARSON

Leader: Let the Light of Christ illumine your heart and give you understanding today and always.

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

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## 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.

The *Lord* is my  
*Light* and my  
*Salvation*  
whom shall I *Fear?*



Psalm 27:1

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