

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**4TH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

JANUARY 29, 2023

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director - Rev. Melinda Veatch*

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

*We seek your Way, Holy One, yet we stumble along your path.
Firm up our feet that we may walk well together the Way of your Love.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VINCE SNOWBARGER

PRELUDE *Surely the Presence* (Lanny Wolfe)

UCSJ CHOIR

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

VINCE SNOWBARGER

*I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

ISALAH 42:6-7

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from PSALM 15

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

People: The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

Leader: whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

People: who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;

Leader: who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;

People: who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Leader: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

WELCOMING SONG * *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CONGREGATION

(Thomas O. Chisholm, words; William M. Runyan, music)

HYMN NO. 72 All Verses

SCRIPTURE MICAH 6:1-8

KRISTI SNAPP

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.
³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."
⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *Canticle of the Turning* (Rory Cooney)

UCSJ CHOIR

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that God of my heart is Great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry popor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth shall be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain**

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“Knowing and Living”

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS ~ CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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 *Morning Has Broken* (Eleanor Farjeon, words; Gaelic melody, music)

CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 35 All Verses

BLESSING

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POSTLUDE *Blest Are They* (David Haas)

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CHARGE

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