

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director; Rev. Keri Shelton, Guest Preacher, Western Colorado Presbytery

WELCOME

REV. KERI SHELTON

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. KERI SHELTON

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 1:7

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Pastor: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Pastor: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Pastor: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Pastor: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Author: Beth Merrill Neel

OPENING PRAYER*

God of all glory, you bring light out of darkness.

**On this day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit,
may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.**

Thorough Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if comfortable

HYMN NO. 109 All Verses

SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-13

REV. KERI SHELTON

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

⁴ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

King James Version

¹ If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal.

² If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing.

³ If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant,

⁵ it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints,

⁶ it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth.

⁷ Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end.

⁹ We know in part and we prophesy in part;

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end.

¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things.

¹² Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known.

¹³ Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

Common English translation

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.
 Offerings may be placed in the basket in the front entrance.*

ANTHEM *O Taste and See* (Ralph Vaughn Williams)

UCSJ CHOIR

*O Taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
 Blest is the one that trusteth in Him.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 *Send Me, Jesus* (South African, Thuma Mina)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 713 All Verses, two times through!

BLESSING *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* (Perter C. Lutkin)

UCSJ CHOIR

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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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.



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