

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**A SERVICE OF
INSTALLATION
MELINDA A. VEATCH**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2023**

PRELUDE *Down to the River to Pray*
(Traditional, arr. John A. Dempsey)

PAUL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEE MOORE

Leader: Chapter 4 of the letter to the Ephesians declares that there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: Each of us has been given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Leader: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.

Leader: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

People: We come to bring glory to God only, and to celebrate his gracious gifts to all of us.

Leader: In this spirit of unity and purpose, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

DEACON KATHY GRAFF

WELCOMING SONG* *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (Kathleen Thomerson)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 248 All Verses

OUR STORY

MICK GRAFF

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

DEACON BOB LARSON

GOSPEL

JOHN 15: 1-12

REV. FELICIA HOPKINS

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

***Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable**

ANTHEM *We Are Many Parts* (Marty Haugen)

UCSJ CHOIR

Refrain

We are many parts, we are all one body;
 And the gifts we have we are given to share.
 May the Spirit of Love make us one indeed;
 One, the love that we share, one our hope in despair,
 One the cross that we bear.

So my pain is pain for you,
 In your joy is my joy too,
 All is brought together in the Lord. **Refrain**

God of all, we look to you,
 We would be your servants true,
 Let us be your love to all the world. **Refrain**

All you seekers great and small,
 Seek the greatest gift of all,
 If you love, then you will know the Lord. **Refrain**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**LITURGY OF INSTALLATION****LITANY OF GIFTS**

MELVIN "FLIP" WILSON

Leader: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other

People: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

Leader: If it is your gift to hear God's word,

People: speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THELMA STARNER

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR

SHERRIE BLAKE

Leader: The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ...In her baptism, Melinda was clothed in Christ. She was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by Grace Presbytery in the Synod of the Sun, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

People: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our sister to serve among us as pastor.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

DEE MOORE

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept Melinda as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to work in partnership with her as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we promise to pay her fairly, and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to share her joy and to stand by her in trouble? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor the authority of her calling as she seeks to honor and follow Jesus Christ our Lord?

People: We do and we will.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION & PRAYER FOR THE NEW PASTOR

DEBBIE PETERSON

Gracious God, we praise you that you have chosen servants in every age to speak your Word and lead your people. We give you thanks for your servant Melinda, and for the ministry to which you have called her. Give her a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit both in the walk of faith and for the work of ministry. Anoint her with your power to proclaim the gospel in Word and Sacrament, in witness and in service, in truth and in love, for the building up of the people of God and for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHARGE TO THE NEW PASTOR

REV. KERI SHELTON

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

REV. HARRY STRONG

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

VINCE SNOWBARGER

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

REV. MELINDA VEATCH & REV. HARRY STRONG

COMMUNION SONG *May We Be One* (Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle)

UCSJ CHOIR

Please join the Choir for the Refrain

***When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus.
So as we share this feast may we become,
Healing and light and peace.
May we be one.***

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SENDING SONG* *Sing a New Church*

CONGREGATION

(Delores Dufner, words; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813)

HYMN NO. 577 Verses 1, 3 & 5

BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

POSTLUDE *Ride on King Jesus*

PAUL GLANVILLE, TRUMPET; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

(African-American Spiritual; arr. Hall Johnson)

CHARGE

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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