

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 14, 2023

MOTHER'S DAY

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

That person is truly great who has great love. That person is truly great who regards every pinnacle of honor as nothing in itself. That person is truly wise who regards all earthly ambitions as supremely unimportant, if they stand in the way of gaining Christ.

And that person is very learned indeed who knows God's will and makes it his or her own.

--Adapted from *The Imitation of Christ*, Book 1, Chapter 3 by Thomas A' Kempis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

MARGOT KRISTOFFERSEN, FLUTOPHONE;
MIKE KRISTOFFERSEN, STRING BASS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from PSALM 66

BOB MCDANIEL

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

People: We will come into your house with burnt offerings; we will pay you our vows; those that our lips uttered and our mouths promised when we were in trouble.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for us. We cried aloud to him, and he heard our cry.

People: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of our prayers.

Leader: Blessed be God, because God has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us. Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us worship God!

WELCOMING SONG* *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* (Cecil F. Alexander, words; William H. Jude, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 345

Verse 1: Women

Verse 2: Men

Verse 3: All!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

BOB MCDANIEL

Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks for Your love, which will not let us go. You fill our lives with blessings. Your eye is always on us. You are ever reaching out to us and calling us to follow you. Adjust our eyes to see You at work in the world around us. Tune our hears to hear Your call. Open our minds to receive Your guidance and direction. And open our hearts to follow You and to walk in Your way in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’[a] As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!* (G. F. Handel)

KATHLEEN STETSON, SOPRANO;
KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

GOSPEL READING JOHN 14: 15-21

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

BOB MCDANIEL AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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* *We Are Marching/Siyahamba* (Zulu melody, South African traditional)

CONGREGATION

We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God.
 We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching*, marching we are marching,
 Ooh we are marching in the light of God.
 We are marching, marching we are marching,
 Ooh we are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2: We are **walking**...Verse 3: We are **dancing**...Verse 4: We are **singing**...Verse 5: We are **living**...

CHARGE

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

Leader: Leader: Go out to walk the Way of Christ each day.

People: May God's love shine through all we say and do.

My Life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-of hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

Leader: May the peace of Christ fill our hearts and minds in each moment.

People: Let us go out in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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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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