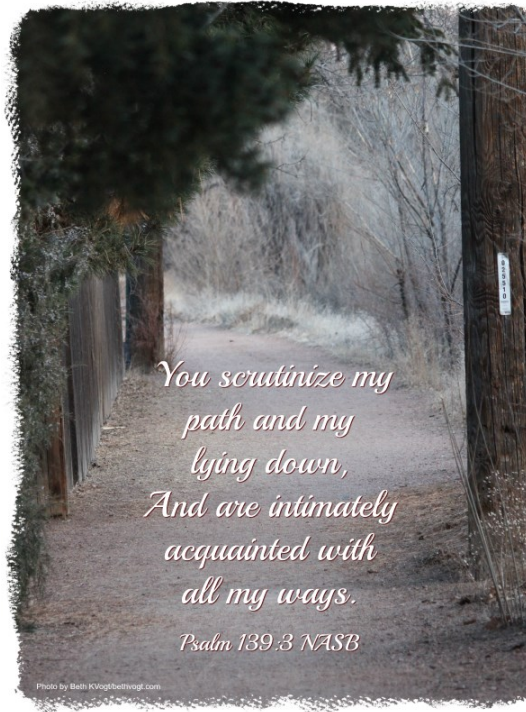


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**

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**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

One of the most difficult questions to answer in Christian work is, 'What do you expect to do?' You don't know what you are going to do. The only thing you know is that God knows what He is doing.....Have you been asking what God is going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He is going to do. He reveals to you who he is.

– Oswald Chambers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP *from PSALM 29:1-4*

DEE MOORE

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**People: May the Lord give strength to us! May the Lord bless us with peace! Let us worship God!**

WELCOMING SONG\* *God of the Ages, History's Maker* (Margaret Clarkson, words; Gaelic melody) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 78

Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Women  
Verse 3: Men  
Verse 4: All

PRAYER OF PRAISE

DEE MOORE

Holy God, you are the one who has created us. You know us. You love us, more deeply than we can ever imagine. We praise you for the ways you walk with us. We lift grateful hearts for the ways you guide and direct us. We give you thanks for the gift of our lives. May we live them in a way that shows others who you are and who we are because of you. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord of Life and the Lord of Love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

CINDI MYERS

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.  
<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.  
<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

ANTHEM *You Are Near* (Dan Schutte; Arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

Refrain

*Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart,  
And you know when I sit and when I stand.  
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,  
Keeping me from harm. **Refrain**

You know my heart and its ways,  
You who formed me before I was born,  
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,  
In my mother's womb. **Refrain**

Where can I run from your love?  
If I climb to the heavens you are there;  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,  
Still I'd find you there. **Refrain**

Marvelous to me are your works;  
How profound are your thoughts my Lord.  
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,  
You would still be there. **Refrain**

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."  
<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."  
<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.  
<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."  
<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."  
<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."  
<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."  
<sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

*"The One Who Knows"*

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEE MOORE AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

CLOSING SONG\* *Borning Cry* (John C. Ylvisaker)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 680

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 1 to the "Fine" marking

Holy God, you know the depth of your love for us. We give you thanks for the lives you have given us. As we go from here, take our lives and all in them and use us in your service. May we live in ways that shine your light, your love, and your life into a hurting world. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

SENDING SONG\* *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Verses 1 and 4 of Hymn 231

CONGREGATION

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.  
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.*

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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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