

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



**TRANSFIGURATION  
SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**MEDITATION**

*God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.*

*– Desmond Tutu*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

**PRELUDE** *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 36:5-9 from The Message

CINDI MYERS

Leader: God's love is meteoric, God's loyalty astronomic, God's purpose titanic, God's verdicts oceanic.

Yet in God's largeness nothing gets lost; not a person, not a mouse, slips through the cracks.

**People: How exquisite your love, O God!**

Leader: How eager we are to run under God's wings, to eat our fill at the banquet God spread as

God fills our tankards with Eden spring water.

**People: You're a fountain of cascading light, and you open our eyes to light.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us worship God!

**WELCOMING SONG\*** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

CONGREGATION

(Carl P. Daw, Jr., words; Leavitt's The Christian Lyre, 1830)

**HYMN NO. 245** All Verses

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

CINDI MYERS

**Holy God, you have gifted the church through the goodness of your grace**

**to be your hands and do your work,**

**to be your voice and share your words,**

**to bring healing to a fallen world and make broken lives whole.**

**You have gifted your people with the blessings of your Spirit,**

**the power to transform lives and make all things new.**

**Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim, and our hands prepare for service,**

**that the love we have known might overflow the lives we live**

**and pour into the hearts of others,**

**that all might receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit, and your love. Amen.**

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *The Transfiguration* (Sufjan Stevens; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ CHOIR

When he took the three disciples	What he said to them,
To the mountainside to pray,	The voice of God: "The most beloved Son.
His countenance was modified, his clothing was aflame.	Consider what he says to you, consider what's to come."
Two men appeared: Moses and Elijah came;	The prophecy was put to death,
They were at his side.	Was put to death, and so will the Son.
The prophecy, the legislation spoke of whenever he would die.	And keep your word, disguise the vision 'till the time has come.

Then there came a word	Lost in the cloud, a voice: "Have no fear! We draw near!"
Of what he should accomplish on the day.	Lost in the cloud, a sign: "Son of man! Turn your ear."
Then Peter spoke, to make of them a tabernacle place.	Lost in the cloud, a voice: "Lamb of God! We draw near!"
A cloud appeared in glory as an accolade.	Lost in the cloud, a sign: "Son of man! Son of God!"
They fell on the ground.	
A voice arrived, the voice of God,	
The face of God, covered in a cloud.	

SCRIPTURE READING MARK 9:2-9

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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*

## 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

CINDI MYERS AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

CLOSING SONG\* *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (Jane Parker Huber, words; John Zundel, music)

HYMN NO. 581 Verses 1, 2 and 3

## CLOSING PRAYER

CINDI MYERS

Holy God, in a world infused with anger, despair, hopelessness, and fear, we seek joy in your Spirit. The eyes of our hearts are focused on the darkness, adjust them to see your light that cannot be overcome. Help us to follow your light, to live in your light, to bring your light and your joy into the darkness of 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 *Gloria, Gloria* (Trad. Jacques Berthier)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 240

*All sing the Latin verse, followed by the English verse together  
The Right Side of the Church will begin the round, singing both verses  
The Left Side of the Church will begin singing after two measures (Katy will help you!)*

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## OUR MISSION

- 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.



## **WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH**

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