

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT**
THE LORD'S SUPPER
MARCH 3, 2024

MEDITATION

The first questions which the priest and the Levite asked were: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANGELA TODD

Leader: God calls us to love one another.

People: God equips us to love and gives us opportunities large and small.

Leader: God calls us to care for one another.

People: God equips us to care and gives us opportunities large and small.

Leader: God calls us to pray for one another.

People: God equips us to pray and gives us opportunities large and small.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the power and the gifts we so generously receive.

People: Let us worship the God who equips and gives us opportunities large and small to live out our blessed life!

WELCOMING SONG* *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (John Bowring, words; Ithamar Conkey, music)

HYMN NO. 264

Verses 1 - 3

PRAYER OF PRAISE

ANGELA TODD

Holy God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy this world and You. You empower us to serve your creation and your children. And we know that we do not do your will. With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive. With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty. With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help. We ask for your help and your power to change. Keep teaching us to love others as you have loved us. Help us to put away everything that keeps us from living out your love. Open our hands and eyes and move our feet toward grace and hope and trust in You. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

¹⁶ “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love is This*

UCSJ CHOIR

(American Folk Hymn: Music from William Walker's Southern Harmony; Arr. John Leavitt)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great 'I AM,'
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
Amen, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 10:25-37

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²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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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*

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANGELA TODD 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.

CLOSING SONG* *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Isaac Watts, words; Lowell Mason, music)

HYMN NO. 261 Verses 1, 2 and 4

CLOSING PRAYER

ANGELA TODD

Holy God, we give you thanks that you reach out to us, and you reach out through us. As we go from this place, open us to your guidance. Direct our vision to see you at work. Tune our ears to hear your counsel. Guide our minds to understand your call to us. Open our hearts to both receive and share your love with a hurting world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

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- 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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