

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

**MEDITATION**

It is not the cares of today, but the cares of tomorrow, that weigh a person down. For the needs of today we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow we are told to trust. It is not ours yet. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a person can bear.

– George MacDonald

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
(Robert Robinson/John Wyeth, arr. Nathan Howe)

NATHAN HOWE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** - *Adapted from Psalm 121*

JOAN MOYER

Leader: : In you, Lord God, we put our trust.

**People: We lift our eyes to the mountains – from where does our help come? Our help comes from you, Holy God, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: You, O God, watch over us, in all times. You are with us, even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. You do not slumber or sleep.

**People: Holy One, you are our shade at our right hand; you walk with us through the happy and the hard times of life; in you is our strength and our hope.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us worship God!

**WELCOMING SONG\*** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
(Words Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp; William B. Bradbury, music)

CONGREGATION

**HYMN NO. 440** Verses 1, 2 and 4

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

JOAN MOYER

Holy God, we gather this day to worship you and to celebrate the life we share in your Spirit. We praise you that you call us to walk with you. We thank you that you walk with us in every aspect of our lives. As we worship you this day, receive our gratitude for all your gifts to us. Draw us nearer to you that we may walk in the Ways of your Spirit and carry your light and your joy out into the world. Amen.

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM *Simple Song, from MASS* (Steven Schwartz, lyrics; Leonard Bernstein, music) NATHAN HOWE, SOLOIST;  
KATHRYN KUBINYI, FLUTE; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

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| <p>Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē<br/>                 Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē<br/>                 Sing like you like to sing.<br/>                 God loves all simple things,<br/>                 For God is the simplest of all,<br/>                 For God is the simplest of all.</p> <p>I will sing the Lord a new song<br/>                 To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.<br/>                 I will sing His praises while I live<br/>                 All of my days.</p> <p>Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,<br/>                 Blessed is the man who praises Him.<br/>                 Lauda, Lauda, Laudē<br/>                 And walks in His ways.</p> | <p>I will lift up my eyes<br/>                 To the hills from whence comes my help.<br/>                 I will lift up my voice to the Lord<br/>                 Singing Lauda, Laudē.</p> <p>For the Lord is my shade,<br/>                 Is the shade upon my right hand,<br/>                 And the sun shall not smite me by day<br/>                 Nor the moon by night.</p> <p>Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,<br/>                 Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,<br/>                 And walks in His ways.<br/>                 Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,<br/>                 Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.</p> |
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<sup>7</sup> “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

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*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOAN MOYER AND PASTOR 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\* *Lord of All Hopefulness* (Jan Struther, words; Irish melody)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 469 Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Men  
Verse 3: Women  
Verse 4: All

## CLOSING PRAYER

JOAN MOYER

**Holy God, we have gathered in this place to worship you and to celebrate our life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of life in your Holy Spirit. Walk with us as we go from this place. Grow our trust in you. Keep our ears open to your counsel, and keep our hearts open to the ways we can share your Love. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *The Other Prodigal*

NATHAN HOWE

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

SENDING SONG *Christ The Eternal Lord* (Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; George J. Elvery, music)

HYMN NO. 335 Verse 4

*Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,  
Our morning star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth you give to servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, your life to live, till earth’s brief journey ends.*

## 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.

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