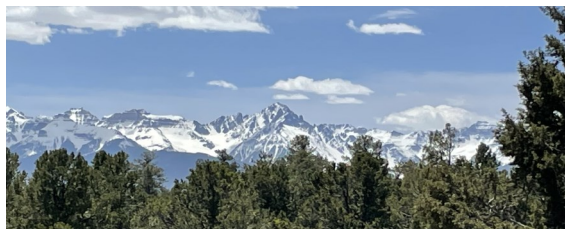


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**6TH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2024**

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Of what significance is it to us that, as we are gathered together today for the breaking of bread and for prayers, that these acts unite us with millions who have repeated them daily throughout the centuries and now gather unseen at our side?*  
*Henry Blamires*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Howard Davidson

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental Music*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ADAPTED FROM PSALM 62**

Cindi Myers

Leader: Our salvation and honor come from God alone. He is our refuge, and a Rock of safety.

**People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.**

Leader: O my people, trust him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for he is our refuge.

**People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.**

Leader: From the greatest to the lowliest - all are nothing in his sight. If you weigh them on scales, they are lighter than a puff of air.

**People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.**

Leader: God has spoken plainly - we have heard it many times. Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.

**People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.**

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**How Great Thou Art**

(Stuart K. Hine)

**HYMN NO. 51**

**VERSES 1, 2, AND 3**

Congregation

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Cindi Myers

**O Lord, we lift our eyes to see your glory. We open our hearts to receive your love. We engage our minds to understand your truths. We offer our songs to praise your name. Lord, as we give you our lives, please take everything that we are, so that we may reveal your blessings to the world. Amen.**

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And overall these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM: SING A NEW SONG** (Dan Schutte)

UCSJ Choir

Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Sing Alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound . **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
Your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives. **Refrain**

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his might heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the lord.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

SERMON

**“Praise Him, Praise Him”**

Pastor Howard Davidson

**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**

Pastor Howard Davidson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Cindi Myers and Pastor Howard Davidson

**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\* “Praise Him ! Praise Him! “**

(Fanny J. Crosby, words; Chester G. Allen, music)

**Hymn No: 95**

**Verses 1 and 3**

**Congregation**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Cindi Myers

**Father, we thank you for this time we could spend in your presence today. Help us remember that you have given us more than we could have ever asked for or even imagined. Help us to continually turn our eyes to you in worship and adoration. For you are the Alpha and the Omega, king overall. We thank you for all you bless us with, the family and friends you surround us with. We thank you for the freedom we find in you. In your name, we pray, Amen.**

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Howard Davidson

SENDING SONG\* *HYMN NO. 291 - ALLELUIA NO. 1, v.2*

Congregation

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name!  
Spread the good news ore all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,*

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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.

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