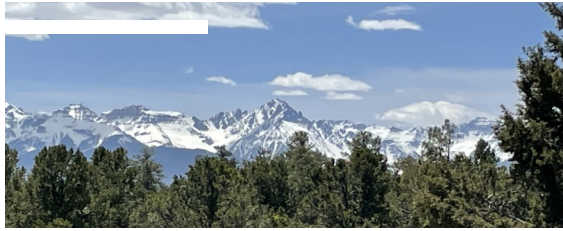


THE
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**2ND SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
MAY 26, 2024**

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

The confidence that God is mindful of the individual is of tremendous value in dealing with the disease of fear, for it gives us a sense of worth, of belonging, and of homeness in the universe.

- Martin Luther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP “Written by Christine Longworth, professor, Canadian Mennonite University” Bob McDaniel

Leader: We have come to worship God,

People: Who loved us before we were yet born,

Leader: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

People: Whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

Leader: This is our God. Let us worship together!

WELCOMING SONG*

Come My Way, My Truth My Life

(George Herbert, words; Ralph Vaughan Williams, music)

Hymn No. 392

Verses 1 and 4

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Bob McDaniel

Holy God, you are true to your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Your Spirit abides right here with us infusing our lives with your love and your power, and leading us into new life. We thank you for this gift! We praise you for this gift! May we live each day grounded in this gift, walking with your Spirit and carrying your love out into this world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

Cindi Myers

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

ANTHEM: **Glory and Praise to our God** (Dan Schutte) UCSJ Choir

*Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways.*

*We, the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains.
Praise the wonders our God has done
In ev'ry heart that sings. **Refrain***

*In his wisdom, he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save. **Refrain***

*Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 139:1-6** Pastor Melinda Veatch

You have searched me Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON **The One Who Knows** Pastor Melinda Veatch

REFLECTION HYMN* **You Are Near** Congregation

See Insert for music

Verses 1 and 2

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

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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

Bob McDaniel 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*

Put Peace Into Each Other's hands

(Fred Kaan, words; Irish melody)

Hymn No: 389

Verse 1: All

Congregation

Verse 2: Women

Verse 3: Men

Verse 5: All

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

Holy God, you are as close as our breath. Your love is at the center of our lives. Help us to remember that you search us with love, with grace, with mercy, and with forgiveness. Help us to live confidently as your beloved children. As we go about our daily living, may your love shape all we think, speak, and do, that we might carry your love into a hurting world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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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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