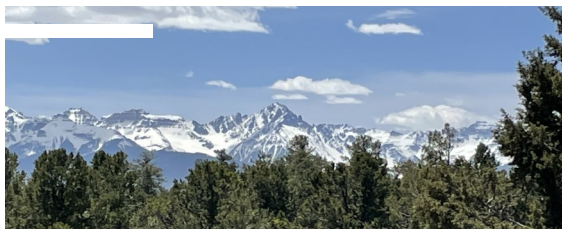


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**5TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
JUNE 16, 2024**

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Agape is something of the understanding, creative, redemptive goodwill for all people. It is a love that seeks nothing in return. It is an overflowing love; it's what theologians would call the love of God working in the lives of people. And when you rise to love on this level, you begin to love people, not because they are likeable, but because God loves them.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Moyer

Leader: We come to worship today to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and to hear stories of faith, hope and love.

People: We know that doubt, fear, and hatred are everywhere and can shake our trust and faith in God and in one another.

Leader: Our God is the God whose love for us never fails. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word and the love of our God endures forever.

People: Fill us God and shape our lives with your love that passes all understanding and never ends.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

WELCOMING SONG* Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me Fred Pratt Green, words; Austin C. Lovelace, Music)

Hymn No: 401

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Joan Moyer

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you show us a love that does not fail. We give you thanks for all the ways you walk with us. You are the loving Father who guides our steps. You are the caring Parent whose counsel shapes our lives as we walk through each day. You are the astute Shepherd who leads us in green pastures and beside still waters. Receive our praise as we celebrate the lives of love we live in your Holy Spirit. Keep us walking in your Way of Life and Love. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk - better yet, run! - on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline - not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift.

He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Sequel - From, **"The Song of Solomon"** (Robert H. Young) UCSJ Choir

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
As a seal upon thine arm.
For love is strong as death, is strong as death.*

I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is Love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE SONG* O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

(Samuel Trevor Francis, words; Thomas J. Williams, Music)

HYMN NO: 398

Congregation

Verse 1: Softly

Verse 2: Medium-Soft

Verse 3: Boldly

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**

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***The Gift of Love**

(Hal H. Hopson, words; English melody)

Hymn No: 397**All Verses**

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

Holy God, you call us to lives that go beyond ourselves. You invite us to take your love and your gifts outside the walls of your church. We thank you for the gifts you have given us. We thank you for all the different ways you have gifted us to share them. Guide our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as we walk through the world. Help us to see and respond with your love as we keep walking in this hurting world. 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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