

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**7TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
JUNE 30, 2024**

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

– Saint Augustine of Hippo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Spangler

Leader: We gather today as those God always has in mind and holds heart-center.

People: We know God through Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God always with us.

Leader: We can celebrate God's Presence with us in every aspect of our lives.

People: We praise the God who has blessed us with breath and life, with joy and fullness.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

WELCOMING SONG*

When the Morning Stars Together

(Albert F. Bayly, words; *Tochter Zion*, 1741)

Hymn No. 645

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Tim Spangler

Holy God, from your mind sprung the idea of our lives. From your hands we were formed. By your breath we have life. We give you thanks for the vision you have for our lives. We praise you for your plans to bring us a future with hope. Help us to stay open to that future. Forgive the fear that often clouds our thinking. Keep us focused on your light that darkness cannot overcome. Grow our trust in your life that defeats death. May we celebrate that life as we walk each day with Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: The God of Second Chances (David Haas)

UCSJ Choir

*Come now, O God of second chances;
Open our lives to heal.
Remove our hate, and melt our rage.
Save us from ourselves.*

*Come now, O come now, O God
Shake our resentment;
Open our way to choose
The way of love over revenge.
Show us a new way.*

*Come now, O God, release our demons;
Open our eyes to see
The shame within, our guilt and pain.
Mend us; make us whole.*

*Come now, O come now, O God,
And grant compassion;
Open our hearts to love,
May we let go of all our hurt.
Help us to move on.*

*Come now, O God, and still our anger;
Open our minds to peace.
Embrace our fear, and hold us close.
Calm the storm within.*

*Come now, O God of second chances;
May we forgive ourselves,
May we become your living sign;
Children of God's love.*

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock, The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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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