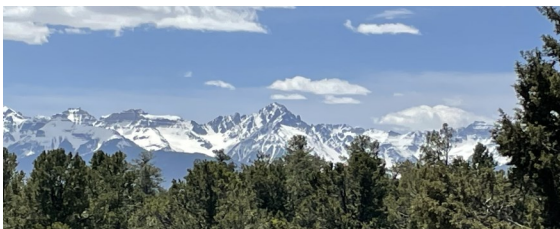


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**11TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
JULY 28, 2024**

Meditation before Worship

What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you want to know someone's mind, listen to their words. If you want to know their heart,
watch their actions.

- Anonymous

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Spangler

Leader: Today, we come together as the Body of Christ to worship the God who gives us life.

People: In Jesus Christ, the God of the Universe became Immanuel, God with us.

Leader: In human form, God walked as we do, talked as we do, lived as we do.

People: God knows our lives, our pain, our joy, our strength, and our frailty.

Leader: Let us worship the God who knows us to the core.

People: Let us give thanks to the God who leads us in the Way of Life as we worship God together!

WELCOMING SONG*

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

(Ruth Duck, words; Attr. B.F. White)

Hymn No. 551

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Tim Spangler

Holy God, by your Holy Spirit, you speak to us in so many different ways. In the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, you show us your majesty. In the quiet of a summer evening, you show us your peace. In the start of a new day, you show us the hope and promise of life in your Way. In the midst of pain and uncertainty, your comfort and clarity come to us in the presence of a friend, in words of concern and actions of care. Help us to see you acting in our lives. Help us to understand and follow your guidance. Keep us focused on your light that darkness can not overcome. Grow our trust in your life that defeats death. May we celebrate and proclaim that life as we walk each day with Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: **They'll Know We Are Christians** (Peter Scholtes; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ Choir

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

Refrain

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain***

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **Refrain***

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come'
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain***

While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	The Body Speaks	Pastor Melinda Veatch
RESPONSIVE SONG*	Simple Gifts	(Traditional Shaker Hymn)
See Insert		Congregation
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
<i>Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Pastor Melinda Veatch
DOXOLOGY*	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Tim Spangler and Pastor Melinda Veatch
The Lord's Prayer	<p>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</p>	
CLOSING SONG*	We Labor Unto Glory	(Craig Harris, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell)
See Insert		Congregation
CLOSING PRAYER		Tim Spangler
	<p>Holy God, you call us to lives that extend beyond ourselves. Inspire our minds as we engage with others. Open our eyes to see you at work in the world. Open our mouths to proclaim your grace and goodness. Open our ears to receive your counsel and guidance every day. Keep us focused on serving you in word and deed, and help us to carry and share your love as we keep walking through this hurting world. Amen.</p>	
POSTLUDE	<i>Instrumental Music</i>	Katy Kristoffersen
CHARGE AND BLESSING		Pastor Melinda Veatch

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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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