

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**13TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
AUGUST 11, 2024**

Meditation before Worship

But now, GOD's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,
the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
I've called your name. You're mine.
When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.
When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.
When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—
Because I am GOD, your personal God,
The Holy of Israel, your Savior.
— Isaiah 43:1-3 (*The Message*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Spangler

Leader: We come today to worship the God who says, "Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed,
For I am your God;" (Is 41:10)

**People: We come to worship the God who promises us, "For I am your God; I will strengthen you,
I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Is 41:10)**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Ps 46:1)

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* Because He Lives (GLORIA GAITHER & WILLIAM J. GAITHER WORDS;
WILLIAM J. GAITHER, MUSIC)

Hymn No. 447

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Tim Spangler

**Holy God, you are the perfect love that casts out fear. You command us to "Be strong and
Courageous"; to not be afraid or discouraged, because you are our constant help. 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 cannot 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**

^{16b}And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁸We love because he first loved us.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Rest in God Alone: Psalm 62 (CURTIS STEPHAN)

UCSJ Choir

Refrain

Rest in God alone, rest in God alone, Rest in God alone, my soul.

Verse 1

*Only in God is my soul at rest; From him comes my salvation. He only is my rock
And he only is my salvation, My stronghold, my stronghold, I shall not be disturbed at all. Refrain*

Verse 2

*Only in God be at rest, my soul, For from him comes my hope. He only is my rock
And he only is my salvation, My stronghold, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.*

Verse 3

*With God is my safety and my glory, He is the rock of my strength; My refuge is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O my People! Pour out your hearts before him. Refrain*

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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