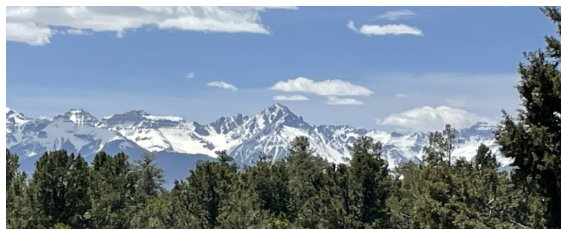


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**14TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
AUGUST 18, 2024**

Meditation before Worship

This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: That they understand and know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.”

- Jeremiah 9:23-24

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

- Psalm 20:7

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

(Will L. Thompson)

Heidi Blair, soloist

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and me.*

Refrain

*Come home, home home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling.
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? **Refrain***

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. **Refrain***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindi Myers

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

People: God brings us into green pastures and leads us beside still waters. God restores our soul and leads us in right paths.

Leader: Though we walk through the darkest of times, we fear no evil, for God is with us, leading and guiding us.

People: God prepares a table for us, even when others are against us. God anoints our head with oil. Our cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, and we will dwell with God our whole life long. Let us worship God together!

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

WELCOMING SONG

My Lord, What a Mornin'

(African-American spiritual)

HYMN NO. 537

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Cindi Myers

Holy God, you are the One in whom we can rightly place our trust. You are the One who guides us into places of care and compassion. You are the One who provides true healing. You are the One who walks us through dark valleys and into the light of new life. We give you thanks, O God, that we can rely on you. Keep our eyes focused on you. Keep our faith and lives grounded in you. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

Shirley Didier

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up
with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Oceans (*Where My Feet May Fail*)

UCSJ Choir

(Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Lighthelm; Arr. Heather Sorenson)

*You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep, my faith will stand*

Refrain

*And I will call upon Your Name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours, and You are mine*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters;
Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now. **Refrain***

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 16:1-12** (*The Message*)

Pastor Melinda Veatch

Some Pharisees and Sadducees badgered him again, pressing him to prove himself to them. He told them, “You have a saying that goes, ‘Red sky at night, sailor’s delight; red sky at morning, sailors take warning.’ You find it easy enough to forecast the weather—why can’t you read the signs of the times? An evil and wanton generation is always wanting signs and wonders. The only sign you’ll get is the Jonah sign.” Then he spun around and walked away.

On their way to the other side of the lake, the disciples discovered they had forgotten to bring along bread. In the meantime, Jesus said to them, “Keep a sharp eye out for Pharisee-Sadducee yeast.” Thinking he was scolding them for forgetting bread, they discussed in whispers what to do. Jesus knew what they were doing and said, “Why all these worried whispers about forgetting the bread? Baby believers! Haven’t you caught on yet? Don’t you remember the five loaves of bread and the five thousand people, and how many baskets of fragments you picked up? Or the seven loaves that fed four thousand, and how many baskets of leftovers you collected? Haven’t you realized yet that bread isn’t the problem? The problem is yeast, Pharisee-Sadducee yeast.” Then they got it: that he wasn’t concerned about eating, but teaching—the Pharisee-Sadducee kind of teaching.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****The Trusted Source**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG**Abide in Me**

(Henry F. Lyte, words; William H. Monk, music)

Hymn No. 521**Verses 1, 3, and 4**

Congregation

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

Cindi Myers 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***On Eagle’s Wings**

(Michael Joncas)

Hymn No. 438**All Verses**

Congregation

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.

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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