

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**19TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

Meditation before Worship

There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance – that principle is contempt prior to investigation.

-Herbert Spencer

Everyone you meet knows something you don't know. Be willing to learn from them.

– Unknown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Moyer

Leader: We come to worship the God whose heart is always open to us. God sees us as we are, God knows the possibilities for our lives. God calls us to live beyond our fears in the fullness of Christ's Spirit.

People: Let us worship the God who calls us out of ourselves, to live open to God and to one another.

WELCOMING SONG*

Open Your Hearts

(Israeli folk song)

Hymn No. 124

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Joan Moyer

Holy God, you know the plans you have for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us; plans to bring us a future with hope. Open us to your vision for our lives. Open us to your vision for your church. Open our hearts to one another and to the world. Lead us in your way of life and teach us to live it, that as we do, we would bring your light and your healing to a hurting world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:18-22

Gini Barker

So that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

ANTHEM: **Open the Eyes of My Heart** (Paul Baloche; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ Choir

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see you.

*To see You high and lifted up. Shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love.
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:27-31

Pastor Melinda Veatch

After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' 28 And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living on the Open-Hearted Level

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

(Paul Baloche; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

Hymn No. 656

All Verses

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

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*

Open My Eyes (Jesse Manibusan)
See Insert

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

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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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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