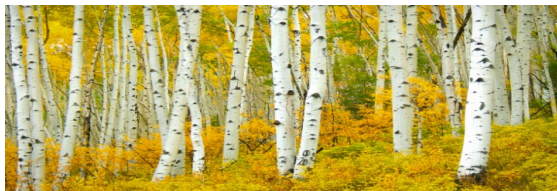


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**21ST SUNDAY  
OF PENTECOST  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pam Larson

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**(Psalm 116:12-14)**

Angela Todd

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

Leader: We are gathered to worship God.

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**I Come with Joy**

(Brian Wren, words; American Melody)

Hymn No. 706

All Verses

Congregation

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Angela Todd

**Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Mick Graff

*God permits Satan to test the faithfulness of Job; after losing his children and servants and livestock, Job is afflicted by sores, but Job refuses to curse God.*

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "you speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**ANTHEM:** **I will Arise** (Traditional; arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw)

UCSJ Choir

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount I'm fix'd upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.  
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 1:5; 2:5-12**

Mick Graff

*Since Christians and Jesus have one and the same Father, Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters.*

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father and he will be my Son"?

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now, in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 10:2-16**

Pastor Bruce Taylor

*The Pharisees ask Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce, and Jesus replies that God's intention is that no husband and wife will separate; then Jesus tells his disciples not to prevent the people who were bringing children to him from doing so, and he takes the children in his arms and blesses them.*

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on the, and blessed them.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	<b>Rediscovering the Child</b>	Pastor Bruce Taylor
RESPONSIVE SONG	<b>Jesus Loves Me!</b> (Anna B. Warner, words; William B. Bradbury, music)	
Hymn No. 437	All verses	Congregation
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		Pam Larson
	<i>Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.</i>	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
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>	
COMING TO THE TABLE		Pastor Bruce Taylor
Invitation		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Leader: The Lord be with you.	<b>People: And also with you.</b>	
Leader: Lift up your hearts.	<b>People: We lift them up to the Lord.</b>	
Leader: Let us give thanks to the to the Lord our God.	<b>People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	
The Lord's Prayer		
<b>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</b>		
Communion of the People		
Prayer after Communion		Pastor Bruce Taylor
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Angela Todd and Pastor Bruce Taylor
CLOSING SONG*	<b>In Christ there is no East or West</b> (John Oxenham, words; Alexander R. Reinagle, music)	
Hymn No. 603	Verses 1-3	Congregation
CLOSING PRAYER		Angela Todd
<b>O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from narrow desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.</b>		
POSTLUDE	<i>Instrumental Music</i>	Katy Kristoffersen
CHARGE AND BLESSING		Pastor Bruce Taylor

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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

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