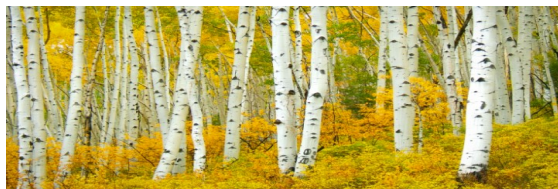


THE
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OF THE **San Juans**



**22ND SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Meditation

**Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.**

- Isaiah 46:4

Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God.

– Alexander MacLaren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Ron and Dee James

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Larson

Leader: We come to worship the God who invites us to walk with him. We come to worship the God who knows our weakness, but calls out our strengths. We come to worship the God whose heart is always open to us and who knows the possibilities for our lives in the fullness of Christ's spirit.

People: Let us worship the God who calls us out of ourselves, to live in close relationship with God and with one another.

WELCOMING SONG*

Blessed Assurance

(Fanny J. Crosby words; Phoebe P. Knapp, music)

Hymn No. 426

All verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Bob Larson

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Shirley Didier

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

ANTHEM:**Wonderful Grace of Jesus** (Haldor Lillenas)

UCSJ Choir

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

Refrain:

*Wonderful in the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!*

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the utter most;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. **Refrain***

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making me God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Job 23:1-10**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

Then Job replied: Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me. There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge. But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**When Sought, Found**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG**If You Will Trust in God to Guide You**

(George Neumark)

Hymn No. 429

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

Bob Larson 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*

O Christ the Same

(Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; Irish Melody)

Hymn No. 433

Verses 1 and 3

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob Larson

Holy God, as we go out from here, give us eyes to see you at work. Help us to recognize the ways you are shaping our lives. Make clear how you are working in and through us to shape the world. Guide us as we seek to walk in your Way and to be active agents of your love, healing, and righteousness in the world. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

Ron and Dee James

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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