

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**23ND SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
OCTOBER 20, 2024**

MEDITATION

*There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
— Edith Wharton*

*If light is in your heart, you will find your way home.
— Rumi*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CANDLE LIGHTING AND CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

WELCOMING SONG*

He Leadeth Me

(Joseph H. Gilmore, text; Benjamin Wegner, music)

Hymn No. 73

Verses 1, 2, and 4

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

Liz Kuehling

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

ANTHEM: **He Leadeth Me** (Joseph H. Gilmore, text; Benjamin Wegner, music) UCSJ Choir

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er trouble sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever mumur nor repine;
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **Refrain***

*And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. **Refrain***

PRAYER AND REFLECTION Pastor Melinda Veatch

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1:1-14** Pastor Melinda Veatch

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(Rusty Edwards, words: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813)

Hymn No. 93

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 McDaniel 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*

Christ Be Our Light

(Bernadette Farrell)

Hymn No. See Insert

Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

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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