

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**24TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
OCTOBER 27, 2024**

Meditation

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

- African Proverb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Spangler

Leader: We come to worship the God who in greatness stretched the heavens like a canopy over the earth, but who also designed the details of a hummingbird's wings. God molded majestic mountains, and dug the depths of the deepest oceans. Yet God is as close as our breath and calls us to walk with him, bringing hope and healing to a hurting world.

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*

Come Away From Rush and Worry

(Marva J. Dawn,; Attr. B.F. White, *The Sacred Harp*, 1844)

Hymn No. 655

All Verses

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Tim Spangler

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10 (*The Message*)

Gini Barker

Every high priest selected to represent men and women before God and offer sacrifices for their sins should be able to deal gently with their failings, since he knows what it's like from his own experience. But that also means that he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as the peoples'.

No one elects himself to this honored position. He's called to it by God, as Aaron was. Neither did Christ presume to set himself up as high priest, but was set apart by the One who said to him, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you!" In another place God declares, "You're a priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek."

While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his maturity and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

ANTHEM:

We Are Called (David Haas)

UCSJ Choir

*Come, live in the light, Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom, To live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain

*We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come, open your heart. Show your mercy to all those in fear.
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be will be no more. **Refrain***

*Sing, sing a new song. Sing of that great day when all will be one;
God will reign and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45 (*The Message*)

Pastor Melinda Veatch

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

"What is it? I'll see what I can do."

"Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left."

Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

"Sure," they said. "Why not?"

Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you will drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Flip Side; Small Things, Great Love

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

(Sebastian Temple)

Hymn No. 587

Verse 1, Verse 2, Refrain, Verse 3

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

Tim Spangler 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*

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

(Richard Guillard)

Hymn No. 391

Verses 1, 3, 4 and 5

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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- 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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