

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



**25TH SUNDAY  
OF PENTECOST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**Meditation**

Is that “great cloud of witnesses” watching my way so as to judge or is it informing my way so that I may walk in it? Do they hide the light so that I cannot see it or do they filter it so that its blaze will not blind me?...We can’t so much see light as we can see things because of it. So I do not meet God in a vacuum. I meet God in the world God has provided for me to meet him, in a world of events and of places (time and space), in a world of lives of people and their records of their encounters. I meet God in this world, in the world of these things... and this is the world as best as I can remember it.

– the late Rich Mullins, Christian musician

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Sue Conrad, horn; Katy Kristoffersen, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Isaiah 25:1**

Todd Schroedel

Leader: The Lord is our God, let us exalt and praise his name together.

**People: For in perfect faithfulness, God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Leader: God has been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress.

**People: In perfect faithfulness, God has done wonderful things.**

Leader: God has been a shelter for us from the storm, a shade from the heat.

**People: In perfect faithfulness, God has done wonderful things.**

Leader: We can say with full confidence, “This is our God, we trusted in him, and he saved us.”

**People: We can say, “This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

**Let us worship God!**

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**For All The Saints**

(William W. How, words; Ralph Vaughan Williams, music)

Hymn No. 529

Verses 1, 3 and 5

Congregation

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Todd Schroedel

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

Angela Todd

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## ANTHEM:

**Holy, Holy, Is What the Angels Sing**

UCSJ Choir

*There is singing up in heaven such as we have never known,  
Where the angels sing the praises of the Lamb upon the throne;  
Their sweet harps are ever tuneful and their voices always clear,  
Oh, that we might be more like them while we serve the Master here.*

**Refrain**

*Holy, holy, is what the angels sing,  
And I expect to help them make the courts of heaven ring;  
But when I sing redemption's story, they will fold their wings,  
For Angels never felt the joys that our salvation brings.*

*But I hear another anthem, blending voices clear and stirring,  
"Unto Him who hath redeemed us and hath bought us," is the song;  
We have come thro' tribulations to this land so fair and bright,  
In the fountain freely flowing He hath made our garments white. **Refrain***

*So, although I'm not an angel, yet I know that over there  
I will join a blessed chorus that the angels cannot share;  
I will sing about my Savior who upon dark Calvary  
Freely pardoned by transgressions, died to set a sinner free. **Refrain***

## SCRIPTURE READING

**2 Corinthians 3:1-6** (*The Message*)

Paster Melinda Veatch

Does it sound like we're patting ourselves on the back, insisting on our credentials, asserting our authority? Well, we're not. Neither do we need letters of endorsement, either to you or from you. You yourselves are all the endorsement we need. Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it.

We couldn't be more sure of ourselves in this—that you, written by Christ himself for God, are our letter of recommendation. We wouldn't think of writing this kind of letter about ourselves. Only God can write such a letter. His letter authorizes us to help carry out this new plan of action. The plan wasn't written out with ink on paper, with pages and pages of legal footnotes, killing your spirit. It's written with Spirit on spirit, his life on our lives!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## A MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

## RESPONSIVE SONG

**Lord of the Living**(Fred Kaan, words; *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681)

Hymn No. 524

Verses 1, 2 and 4

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.*

**COMMUNION**

**COMING TO THE TABLE**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**Invitation**

**Prayer Before Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**A TIME OF CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Todd Schroedel and Pastor Melinda Veatch

**CLOSING SONG\***

**When The Saints Go Marching In** ( African American Spiritual)

Congregation

*Oh when the Saints, go marching in, oh when the Saints go marching in,  
Oh how I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*And when the sun begins to shine, and when the sun begins to shine,  
Oh how I want to be in the number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call, oh when the trumpet sounds its call,  
How I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh when the new world is revealed,  
How I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*Oh, when the Saints go marching in, oh when the Saints go marching in,  
Oh how I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in..*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Todd Schroedel

**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.

## **WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA ~ THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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