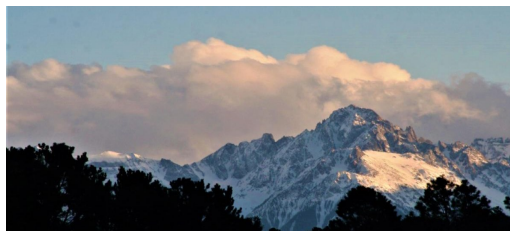


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**26TH SUNDAY  
OF PENTECOST  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**MEDITATION**

Grant us, Lord God the vision of your Kingdom, forgiveness and new life, and the stirring of your Spirit; so that we may share your vision, proclaim your love, and change this world in the name of Jesus Christ.

– *Church in Australia*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**Seek The Lord**

Hymn No. See Insert

Refrain “a” and Verses 1a, 2a, and 3a

Congregation

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Angela Todd

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Amos 5:10-15** (*The Message*)

Shirley Didier

People hate this kind of talk.

Raw truth is never popular.

But here it is, bluntly spoken:

Because you run roughshod over the poor  
and take the bread right out of their mouths,

You’re never going to move into  
the luxury homes you have built.

You’re never going to drink wine  
from the expensive vineyards you’ve planted.

I know precisely the extent of your violations,  
the enormity of your sins. Appalling!

You bully right-living people,  
taking bribes right and left and kicking the poor when they’re down.

Justice is a lost cause. Evil is epidemic.

Decent people throw up their hands.

Protest and rebuke are useless,  
a waste of breath.

Seek good and not evil—  
and live!

You talk about God, the God-of-the-Angel-Armies,  
being your best friend.

Well, *live* like it,  
and maybe it will happen.

Hate evil and love good,  
then work it out in the public square.

Maybe God, the God-of-the-Angel-Armies,  
will notice your remnant and be gracious.

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

*When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
When the wounded offer others strength and healing;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When compassion gives the suffering consolation  
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;  
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings,  
When the nations work to change war into peace;  
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor Melinda Veatch

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	Future Focus	Pastor Melinda Veatch
RESPONSIVE SONG	Let There Be Peace on Earth	(Sy Miller and Jill Jackson)
Hymn No. 614	All Verses	Congregation
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
<i>Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Pastor Melinda Veatch
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>	
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*	A Place at the Table	(Shirley Erena Murray, words; Jane Marshall, music)
Hymn No. 617	Verses 1, 4 and 5	Congregation
CLOSING PRAYER		Angela Todd
POSTLUDE	<i>Instrumental Music</i>	
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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