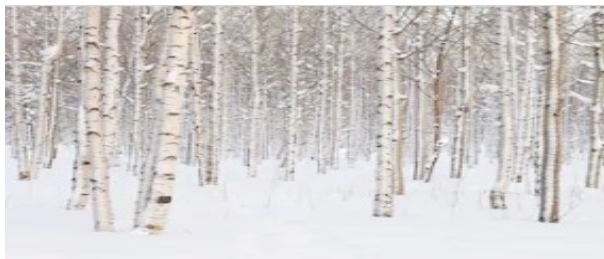


THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**28TH SUNDAY  
OF PENTECOST  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**Meditation**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

*-from The Lorica of St. Patrick*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 100**

Cindi Myers

Leader:: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader : Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.  
Let us worship God!**

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

*(The Venerable Bede, words; Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623)*

Hymn No. 322

Verses 1, 3, and 4

Congregation

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Cindi Myers

**Holy God, we come into your presence with deep gratitude. You are the one who saves us. We give you thanks that our lives are in your loving hands. In the depths of the earth, in the heights of the mountains, in the vast oceans, across the dry lands, we see the work of your hands from the very beginning to now. You have created for us lives of beauty and grace and you provide for our every need. In you we live and move and have our being, so accept our prayer of praise and our worship as a full expression of our love. Amen.**

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

These are the last words of David:  
 “The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
     the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
 the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
     the hero of Israel’s songs:  
 “The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me;  
 his word was on my tongue.  
 The God of Israel spoke,  
     the Rock of Israel said to me:  
 When one rules over people in righteousness,  
     when he rules in the fear of God,  
 he is like the light of morning at sunrise  
     on a cloudless morning,  
 like the brightness after rain  
     that brings grass from the earth.’  
 “If my house were not right with God,  
     surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant,  
     arranged and secured in every part;  
 surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation  
     and grant me my every desire.  
 But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns,  
     which are not gathered with the hand.  
 Whoever touches thorns  
     uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;  
     they are burned up where they lie.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**Glory and Praise to Our God** (*Dan Schutte*)

UCSJ Choir

**Refrain**

*Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.  
 Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.*

*We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,  
 Praise the wonders our God has done in ev’ry heart that sings. **Refrain***

*In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that’s tested in fire.  
 Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. **Refrain***

*Ev’ry moment of ev’ry day our God is waiting to save,  
 Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who prey. **Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE READING****Ephesians 1:15-23**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.****SERMON****Over All**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**RESPONSIVE SONG****Be Thou My Vision***(Irish hymn, 8th c.; Irish melody)*

Hymn No. 502

**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**

Cindi Myers 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 Beside Me***(James Quinn, words; Gaelic melody)*

Hymn No. 425

**Verses 1-3**

Congregation

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Cindi Myers

**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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