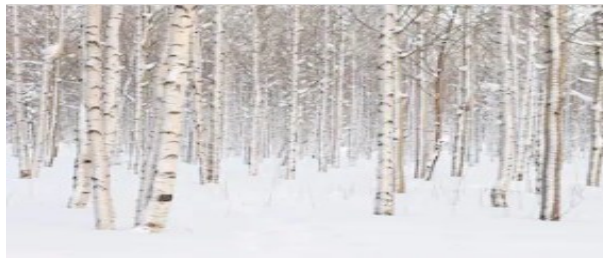


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



2ND SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 19, 2025

Meditation

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

— *Thomas a Kempis*

When you are offended at anyone's fault, turn to yourself and study your own failings. Then you will forget your anger.

— *Epictetus*

Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

— *Buddha*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindi Myers

Leader:: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Leader : How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart. Let us worship God!

WELCOMING SONG*

Gather Us In

(*Marty Haugen*)

Hymn No. 649

Congregation

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Women

Verse 3: Men

Verse 4: All

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Cindi Myers

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

The God of Second Chances (*David Haas*)

UCSJ Choir

*Come now, O God of second chances;
Open our lives to heal.
Remove our hate, and melt our rage.
Save us from ourselves.*

*Come now, O God, release our demons;
Open our eyes to see
The shame within, our guilt and pain.
Mend us; make us whole.*

*Come now, O God, and still our anger;
Open our minds to peace.
Embrace our fear, and hold us close.
Calm the storm within.*

*Come now, O come now, O God,
Shake our resentment;
Open our way to choose
The way of love over revenge.
Show us a new way.*

*Come now, O come now, O God,
And grant compassion;
Open our hearts to love,
May we let go of all our hurt.
Help us to move on.*

*Come now, O God of second chances;
May we forgive ourselves,
May we become your living sign:
Children of God's love*

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Way from Anger

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG

Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother?
(Shirley Erena Murray, words; Jack Schrader, music)

Hymn No. 602

Verse 1 : Solo
Verses 2-4: All

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*

City of God
See Insert: All Verses

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Cindi Myers

POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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.

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