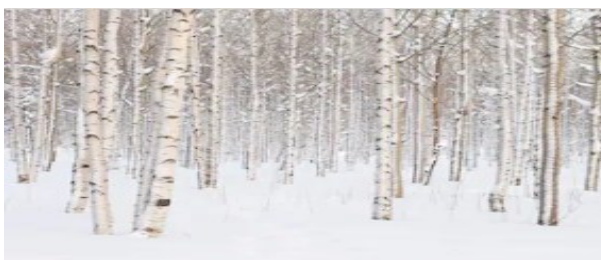


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



5TH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Meditation

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be God’s people, and God will be their God.

- *Revelation 21:3*

I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.

- *John 10:10*

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don’t even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with groans that can’t be expressed in words.

- *Romans 8:26*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1, 6-10

Joan Moyer

Leader:: Praise the Lord. Let us praise the Lord with all our heart and all our mind and all our soul.

People: God is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the One who remains faithful forever.

Leader: Our God upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free, and gives sight to the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow but frustrates the ways of the wicked.

People: The Lord reigns forever, our God for all generations. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Joan Moyer

WELCOMING SONG*

Morning Has Broken

(Eleanor Farjeon, words; Gaelic melody)

Hymn No. 35

All Verses

Congregation

OPENING REFLECTION

Pastor Melinda Veatch

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 34:5-7a

Tim Spangler

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
 because the Lord has anointed me;
 he has sent me to bring good news to
 the oppressed,
 to bind up the broken-hearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's
 favor,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
 To comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in
 Zion—
 to give them a garland instead of
 ashes,
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint
 spirit.
 They will be called oaks of
 righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord, to display
 his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Robert Robinson, words; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813)

Hymn No. 68

Verses 1 and 2

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:4-7

Bob McDaniel

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 7:20-23

Joan Moyer

When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Hymn No. 68

Verse 3

Congregation

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Acts 2:1-4

Angela Todd

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Reader: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UCSJ Choir

(Robert Robinson, words; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813)

*Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it -
Mount of Thy unchanging love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.*

*Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the god I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

Congregation joins in singing: “La la la, la la la la, la la la La la la la la.

***Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it -
Mount of Thy unchanging love.” (Sing 2x)***

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.***

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joan Moyer 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* When Our Confidence is Shaken (Fred Pratt Green, words; John Hughes, music)

Hymn No. 413 All Verses Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER Joan Moyer

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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