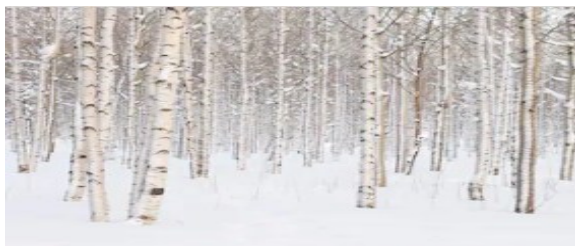


THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



6TH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Meditation

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.

– *St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

– *John 13:34-35*

We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools.

– *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

Single Petal of a Rose (*Duke Ellington*)

Katy and Mike Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133 (adapted)

Gini Barker

Leader:: How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

People: It is like living in abundance, peace, understanding, and care.

Leader: It is like the blessings of heaven flowing down each day into the earthly life we share.

People: Nothing blocks the blessings that God sends. Nothing keeps us from living out our purpose. We are blessed and fully free to be a blessing. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gini Barker

WELCOMING SONG*

We Meet You, O Christ

(*Fred Kaan, words; Carl F. Schalk, music*)

Hymn No. 616

Verses 1, 2, and 4

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:26-29

Cindi Myers

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: **They'll Know We Are Christians** *(Peter Scholtes; arr. K. Kristoffersen)*

UCSJ Choir

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

Refrain

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain***

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **Refrain***

Congregation - Join us in singing the final verse and Refrain!

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain****

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:19-24

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“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

From Every Direction to One

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RESPONSIVE SONG

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

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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.*

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*

We Are Marching/Siyahamba (*Zulu melody, South African traditional*)

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

Congregation

We are marching*, marching we are marching,
Ooh we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching we are marching,
Ooh we are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2: *We are dancing...*

Verse 3: *We are singing...*

Verse 4: *We are living..*

CLOSING PRAYER

Gini Barker

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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