

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026

Meditation

God's grace is the oil that fills the lamp of our soul, allowing us to shine brightly in a world that desperately needs light.

— *Anonymous*

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.

— *Anne Lamott*

For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.

— *St. Augustine of Hippo*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

We welcome Caroline Hickerson, one of the founders of Shepherd's Hand in Montrose. Shepherd's Hand is a ministry to those who are unhoused in the Montrose and Ouray County areas. We look forward to her update on what is happening these days at Shepherd's Hand.

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40

Cindi Myers

(adapted from the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ)

Leader: I waited and waited for God; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; who set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

People: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

People: We sing of your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all. We sing, "Here we are, we have come – we desire to do your will, O God; your law is in our heart." Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Cindi Myers

WELCOMING SONG*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(John Fawcett, words; Johann G. Nägeli, music)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 393

All Verses

SCRIPTURE READING**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Junella Hildreth

Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the Lord called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
And now the Lord says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord
and my God has been my strength—
he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
This is what the Lord says—
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:
"Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM****The Lord is My Light**
(Christopher Walker)

UCSJ Choir

*The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear? With God, I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord what should I dread?*

Refrain

*The Lord is my light,
The Lord is my help,
The Lord is my salvation.*

*There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for:
All of my days with God to be dwelling,
Gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
And in wonder look on God's house. Refrain*

*I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness,
Now, in this life I'm sure I will see it.
Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave;
Wait in hope for God, our salvation. Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

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Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge — God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**No Lack**

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RESPONSIVE SONG**Christ Be Our Light**
(Bernadette Farrell)

Congregation

HYMN NO. See Insert**Verses 1 and 2, then Refrain**
Verses 3 and 4, then Refrain
Verse 5, then Refrain**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS***Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission*

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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.*

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***The Gift of Love**
(Hal H. Hopson, words; English melody)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 397**All Verses****CLOSING PRAYER**

Cindi Myers

POSTLUDE**Instrumental**

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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