

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



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TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Meditation

I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light.

— *Mary Gardinier Brainard*

God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

— *Desmond Tutu*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Ron and Dee James

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-9 (*from The Message translation*)

Bob McDaniel

Leader: God's love is meteoric, God's loyalty astronomic, God's purpose titanic, God's verdicts oceanic. Yet in God's largeness nothing gets lost; not a person, not a mouse, slips through the cracks.

People: How exquisite your love, O God!

Leader: How eager we are to run under God's wings, to eat our fill at the banquet God spread as God fills our tankards with Eden spring water.

People: You're a fountain of cascading light, and you open our eyes to light.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

Holy God, you have gifted the church through the goodness of your grace to be your hands and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen world and make broken lives whole. You have gifted your people with the blessings of your Spirit, the power to transform lives and make all things new. Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim, and our hands prepare for service, that the love we have known might overflow the lives we live and pour into the hearts of others, may all receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit, and your love. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG*

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding
(Carl P. Daw Jr., words; Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830)

Congregation

Hymn No. 245

All Verses

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction." Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus Shine
(Graham Kendrick; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ Choir

*Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.*

Refrain

*Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

*Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance,
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain***

*As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 17:1-9**

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After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**Bright Vision**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG**Seek Ye First**

Congregation

*(Karen Lafferty, words and music)***Hymn No. 349****Verses 1 and 2****Then, all sing “Alleluia” descant****RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bob McDaniel 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 sin, 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*

Sing of God Made Manifest
(Carl P. Daw Jr., words; Jakob Hintze, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 247**Verses 1-3**

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

Holy God, in a world infused with anger, despair, hopelessness, and fear, we seek joy in your Spirit. The eyes of our hearts are focused on the darkness, adjust them to see your light that cannot be overcome. Help us to follow your light, to live in your light, to bring your light and your joy into the darkness of a hurting world. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Ron and Dee James

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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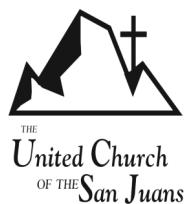
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- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage 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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