

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



SECOND
SUNDAY
IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026

Meditation

Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help.
Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind.
Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.

– *William Arthur Ward*

Individually, we're one drop, but together we're an ocean.

– *Ryunosoke Satoro*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From the Ministry Matters website of the United Methodist Church)

Joan Moyer

Leader: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

People: Each of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.

Leader: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.

People: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us.

OPENING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

(Adapted from the prayers of the Revised Common Lectionary website at Vanderbilt Divinity Library)

God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people endowed with a vast variety of gifts. You call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG*

Amazing Love
(Graham Kendrick)

Congregation

Hymn No. 259

All Verses

SCRIPTURE READING**Romans 12:3-8**
(From *The Message*)

Todd Schroedel

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:**Humble Yourself**
(Arr. K. Kristoffersen)

UCSJ Choir

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, And He will lift you up. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE READING**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Part and Parcel

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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

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*

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Paster Melinda Veatch

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joan Moyer and Pastor Melinda Veatch

CLOSING SONG*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Kathleen Thomerson)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 248

All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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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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