

THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
APRIL 26, 2026**

**MEDITATION**

God's extravagant generosity toward us compels us to be extravagantly generous toward others.

– *Andy Stanley*

I have found that among its many other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.  
When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.

– *Maya Angelou*

The more one forgets himself – by giving himself to a cause to serve or another person to love  
– the more human he is.

– *Victor Frankl*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Adapted from Psalm 23**

Tim Spangler

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we lack nothing. The one who leads us beside still waters  
and sets us down to rest in green pastures refreshes our soul.

**People: Our Good Shepherd guides us along the right paths, even when we walk  
through the darkest valleys. We need fear no evil or harm, for God is with us  
no matter where we are.**

Leader: Our Good Shepherd sets a table before us even in the presence of our enemies, he  
anoints our heads with oil, our cup overflows.

**People: Surely the goodness of the Good Shepherd will ever surround us, and we will  
dwell in the house of the Lord all our days. Let us worship the God who gives  
us breath!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Tim Spangler

**WELCOMING SONG\***

**Come Let Us Praise the Lord**

Congregation

*(Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; John Darvall, music)*

Hymn No. 9

All Verses

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## Brother James's Air

UCSJ Choir

(Adap. from Psalm 23: James Leith Macbeth Bain; arr. Mack Wilberg)

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul be doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for his own name's sake,  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me,  
And thy rod and staff my comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
My comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart alway  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be.*

**SCRIPTURE READING****John 10:1-10**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON****The World We Dream**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**RESPONSIVE SONG****You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

Congregation

*(Omer Westendorf, words; Robert E. Kreutz, music)*

**Hymn No. 705**

**Verses 1, 4, and 5**

**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****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**

Tim Spangler 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\*****Christ, You Call Us All to Service**

Congregation

*(Joy F. Patterson, words; Dutch melody, 18th c)*

**Hymn No. 571**

**All Verses**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Tim Spangler

**POSTLUDE*****Instrumental***

Katy Kristoffersen

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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## 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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