

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2026

Meditation

Faith does not need to push the river because faith is able to trust that there is a river.
The river is flowing. We are in it.

– *Richard Rohr*

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

– *Corrie ten Boom*

By behaving in ways that build trust with one, you build trust with many.

– *Stephen R. Covey*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 31

Bob McDaniel

Leader: In God we have taken refuge, and we have never been disappointed or put to shame.
God has always been on our side, no matter our faithfulness.

**People: God's ear is always tuned to us, listening for us, responding with speed when
we need help, bringing us into the strong fortress of God's heart and way.**

Leader: We give thanks and praise that God has ever been our rock and our fortress, keeping
us out of the traps of the world.

**People: Our times are in God's hands. God leads us in the ways of peace and help.
We give thanks that God's face shines on us and God's love brings us to
solid ground. Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

WELCOMING SONG*

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
(The Venerable Bede; Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623)

Congregation

Hymn No. 322

Verses 1, 2, and 4

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

On Eagle’s Wings

UCSJ Choir

(Michael Joncas; Arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Refrain

*And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!”* **Refrain**

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.* **Refrain**

*You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.* **Refrain**

*For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.* **Refrain**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living Trust from the Table

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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

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

Bob McDaniel and Pastor Melinda Veatch

CLOSING SONG*

Be Thou My Vision
(Irish Hymn, 8th c.; Irish melody)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 502

All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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- 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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