

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



SIXTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER
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MEDITATION

When the remedy you have offered only increases the disease, then leave him who will not be cured, and tell your story to someone who seeks the truth.

– Rumi

It is always the false that makes you suffer, the false desires and fears,
the false values and ideas, the false relationships between people.
Abandon the false and you are free of pain; truth makes happy, truth liberates.

– Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj

Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold.

– Leo Tolstoy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Ron and Dee James

CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Schroedel

Leader: All together now – applause for God! Sing songs to the tune of his glory, set glory to the rhythms of his praise. Say of God, “We’ve never seen anything like him!”

People: God has set us on the road to life, passed us like silver through refining fires, road-tested us inside and out and brought us to this well-watered place.

Leader: The truth is God’s love for us has walked with us all the way. When we have called out, God has answered. God has never turned a deaf ear but has stayed with us, true in love.

People: Let us worship the God who gives us breath!

OPENING PRAYER

Todd Schroedel

WELCOMING SONG*

Let All Things Now Living
(Katherine K. Davis, words; Welsh melody)

Congregation

Hymn No. 22

Both Verses

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 1 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

UCSJ Choir

(Stuart K. Hine)

*O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed!*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!*

*When thru the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze. **Chorus***

*And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in -
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin! **Chorus***

*When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art! **Chorus***

SCRIPTURE READING**John 14:15-21**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****Walking Truth**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG**Christ Be My Leader**

Congregation

*(Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; Irish melody)***Hymn No. 453****All Verses****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

Todd Schroedel 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***God of Grace and God of Glory**

Congregation

*(Harry E. Fosdick, words; John Hughes, music)***Hymn No. 569****All Verses****CLOSING PRAYER**

Todd Schroedel

POSTLUDE***Instrumental***

Ron and Dee James

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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- 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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