

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



SECOND SUNDAY
ATTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 2026

Meditation

Worship is God's way of giving us an opportunity to shift our focus from our own concerns, problems, and circumstances to the way things are in heaven

— *David Jeremiah*

Focus is the art of knowing what to ignore.

— *James Clear*

You cannot fulfill God's purposes

— *Rick Warren*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Music by Dylan Fixmer, Colorado Composer

This morning's Call to Worship will be followed by a sung prayer — "Surely the Presence".

After singing it through 3 times, we will rest in a time of silence.

That time will end when the tune of our first hymn — "Spirit, Working in Creation" begins to play.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob McDaniel

Leader: God has set before us life and death.

People: We long to choose life.

Leader: God has set before us blessings and curses.

People: We long to choose blessings.

Leader: So we gather to worship God this morning around the Gospel message in word and song, and we gather around the table—Christ's table.

People: Let us share this time together. Let us be renewed in the strength of the Spirit.

Leader: *Let us worship God with joy!*

OPENING PRAYER

Surely the Presence
(Lanny Wolfe)

Congregation

Hymn No. 131

Sing Through 3 times
Then move to a time of silence

WELCOMING SONG

Spirit, Working in Creation
(John Richards, words; Dutch melody, 18th c.)

Congregation

Hymn No. 128

Verses 1 and 4

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
(Traditional)

UCSJ Choir

I am weak, but Thou art strong;

Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,

If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Refrain

Refrain

Just a closer walk with Thee,

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Daily walking close to Thee,

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,

Time for me will be no more;

Guide me gently, safely o'er

To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:16-21 (*The Message*)

Pastor Melinda Veatch

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are contrary to each other, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Main Thing

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

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*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(African American spiritual)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 457

All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

POSTLUDE

Music by Dylan Fixmer, Colorado Composer

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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