

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 14, 2026

MEDITATION

God, as Truth, has been for me a treasure beyond price. May God be so to everyone of us.

– *Mahatma Gandbi*

The greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but found by the heart.

– *Judy Garland*

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all he has. It is the pearl of great price by which the merchant will sell all his goods..

– *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

(Charlotte Elliott, text; William B. Bradbury, music; arr. Howard Helvey)

Alice Goertz, Lisa Young, Vince Snowbarger and Todd Schroedel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Angela Todd

Leader: God has planted seeds in all of us.

People: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

Leader: Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

People: May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.

Leader: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

People: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed, and may we grow in the life of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

OPENING PRAYER

Angela Todd

WELCOMING SONG*

We Are God's People

(Bryan Jeffery Leech, words; Johannes Brahms, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 547

Verses 1 and 4

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

SCRIPTURE READING**Galatians 5:22-26** (*The Message*)

Pam Richardson

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM**How Can I Keep From Singing?**

UCSJ Choir

(*Robert Lowry; Arr. Sally DeFord and James Loynes*)

*My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord, my Savior liveth,
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night He giveth.*

*No storm can shake shake my inmost calm,
While to that Refuge clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin,
I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing,
All things are mine since I am His,
How can I keep from singing?*

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 6:19-23** (*The Message*)

Pastor Melinda Veatch

“Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or —worse! — stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a musty cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	A Fruitful Life	Pastor Melinda Veatch
RESPONSIVE SONG	More Precious Than Silver <i>(Lynn DeShazo)</i>	Congregation
Hymn No. See Insert	Sing 3x through	
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS <i>Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.</i>		Pastor Melinda Veatch
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
DOXOLOGY*	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Angela Todd 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*	Let's Sing Unto the Lord <i>(Carlos Rosas)</i>	Congregation
Hymn No. 33	Verses 1 and 2 Sing refrain 2x the last time	
CLOSING PRAYER		Angela Todd
	Holy God, as we leave this place, help us carry the fruit of your Spirit out into the world. May our hearts be open to your guidance. Give us the willingness to reach out and embrace those in need without reservation. May our actions reflect and foster the compassion, truth, understanding, justice and healing that we see Jesus demonstrate in every interaction. May our lives be a testament to the treasure of your unconditional love, and by your Spirit, may we bring hope and light to a world in darkness. Amen.	
POSTLUDE	<i>Instrumental</i>	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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