

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2026

MEDITATION

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

– *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

I would insist that the foundation of Jesus's social program is what I will call non-idolatry, or the withdrawing of your enthralment from all kingdoms except the Kingdom of God.

– *Richard Rohr*

Christian life is patterned after the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and this is a continuous dying to an old way of life and rising to a new way of life.

– *Daniel L. Migliore*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**GREETINGS FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Robert von Trebra

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ)

Tim Spangler

Leader: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that will radically transform our lives,

People: We hear the summons as Christ calls us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that will challenge us as it challenged Jesus to live the truth of his identity.

People: We hear the summons as Christ calls us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that offers life without fear, a life that transcends our earthly existence, eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator.

People: We hear the summons as Christ calls us by name, and our desire is to say, “yes.”

Leader: Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say, “yes.”

People: Let us continue the journey as we worship the One who calls us in spirit and in truth!

OPENING PRAYER

Tim Spangler

WELCOMING SONG*

This Is The Day
(Les Garrett)

Congregation

Hymn No. 652

Sing 2x Through

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Canticle of the Turning

(Rory Cooney)

UCSJ Choir

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that God of my heart is Great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring,
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry popor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth shall be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev. Robert von Trebra

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Family Ties

Rev. Robert von Trebra

RESPONSIVE SONG

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
(George Croly, words; Frederick C. Atkinson, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 132

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.

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CLOSING SONG*

God Has Spoken by the Prophets
(George W. Briggs, words; Ludwig van Beethoven, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 667

All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Tim Spangler

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, and for the Holy Spirit that creates and renews the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. Help us to live in the Spirit by loving you above all human creations and systems. May your steadfast love for us overflow so that we might love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Bob von Trebra

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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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