

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026

MEDITATION

Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God.

– *Mother Teresa*

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day. As if nothing had yet been done.

– *C.S. Lewis*

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

– *Elizabeth Elliot*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

(A call to worship from PC(USA) pastor Jason Elder)

Joan Moyer

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

People: We come – tired, hopeful, burdened, and open.

Leader: Not because we have it all together –

People: But because grace always welcomes us in.

Leader: Let us lay down what weighs us down –

People: And worship the One who brings peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

WELCOMING SONG*

God Is Here!

Congregation

(Fred Pratt Green, words; Cyril V. Taylor, music)

Hymn No. 1

Verses 1, 2, and 4

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

You Are Mine

UCSJ Choir

(David Haas, music; Arr. Mark Hayes)

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.*

Refrain

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. **Refrain***

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk, and live! **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 11:25-30**

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At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**The Constant**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG**Seek Ye First**
(Karen Lafferty)

Congregation

Hymn No. 349

Verses 1 and 2
Then, all sing "Alleluia"

Then, Choir sings "Alleluia" while congregation sings Verses 1 and 2 one more time.

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

Joan Moyer 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.

CLOSING SONG*

Tell Out, My Soul
(Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; Walter Greathouse, music)

Congregation

Hymn No. 41

All Verses**CLOSING PRAYER**

Joan Moyer

Holy One in whom we trust, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, and for the Holy Spirit, your Breath, your Presence, our Life who walks with us into every situation. As we leave this place, keep us mindful that there is no place where you are not. Stand between us and everyone we meet, so that what we share with others and the world around us are the gifts of your Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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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