

THE  
**United Church**  
OF THE **San Juans**



**SIXTH SUNDAY  
ATTER  
PENTECOST**

**JULY 5, 2026**

**Meditation**

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

– *John F. Kennedy*

Let gratitude be awakened; let humility be deepened; let love be quickened.

– *Charles Spurgeon*

Gratitude is the beginning of wisdom. Stated differently, true wisdom cannot be obtained unless it is built on a foundation of true humility and gratitude.

– *Gordon B. Hinkley*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(adapted from Psalm 124)*

Bob McDaniel

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who reached out to us.

**People: We would have perished in our own selfishness.**

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who healed our wounds

**People: We would have succumbed to pain and sorrow.**

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who guided us to a place of light

**People: We would have been held captive in despair.**

Leader: Praise be to God who reaches out to us, healing and restoring our lives.

**People: All thanks be to God for all the blessings in our lives. Let us worship God with joy!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Bob McDaniel

**WELCOMING SONG**

**Gather Us In**  
*(Marty Haugen)*

Congregation

**Hymn No. 649**

**All Verses**

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**Abba Father**  
(*Carey Landry*)

UCSJ Choir

**Refrain**

*Abba, Abba, Father.*

*You are the potter,*

*We are the clay,*

*The work of your hands.*

*Mold us, mold us and fashion us*

*Into the image of Jesus, your Son, **Refrain***

*Father, may we be one in you.*

*As He is in you and you are in Him. **Refrain***

*Glory, glory and praise to you.*

*Forever, amen! **Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 9:33-37**

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And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**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\***

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

Congregation

**HYMN NO. 22**

**Both Verses**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Bob McDaniel

**POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental*

Katy Kristoffersen

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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**\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable**

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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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