

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026

MEDITATION

Peace is not the absence of chaos or conflict, but rather finding yourself in the midst of that chaos and remaining calm in your heart.

—*John Mroz*

The trouble with anger is that it gets hold of you.
And then you aren't the master of yourself. Anger is.

—*Jeanne DuPrau*

Your mind is like this water, my friend; when it is agitated, it becomes difficult to see.
But if you allow it to settle, the answer becomes clear

—*Bill Keane*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-5

Cindi Myers

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: We come to seek the Lord and his strength. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered. Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Cindi Myers

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you made an everlasting covenant with us. By your grace you are present at the very center of our lives. You walk with us in times of calm and in times of storm. As we gather today, we ask that your Spirit would be present with us. As we read scripture, sing and pray together, may all we do honor you and remind us to turn to you in all circumstances, so that when we leave here we will be strengthened in spirit and in discipleship. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG*

Rain Down
(*Jaime Cortez*)

Congregation

Hymn No. 444

Verses 1 and 3

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Leadeth Me

UCSJ Choir

(Joseph H. Gilmore, text; Benjamin Wegner, music)

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **Refrain***

*And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:22-25

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One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Calm in Storms

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG

Come and Find the Quiet Center
(Shirley Erena Murray, words; Attr. B. F. White)

Congregation

Hymn No. 477

All Verses

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

Cindi Myers 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*

Stand By Me
(Charles A. Tindley)

Congregation

Hymn No. 495

All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Cindi Myers

Loving and Gracious God, we thank you for this worshipful time of peace and calm. There are so many storms in our lives and in our world. It is easy to get caught and overwhelmed by them, and to lose sight of your Way. As we go from this time of worship, focus us on your love which will not let us go. Instill in us your peace which passes all understanding, that your way of peace that what we share with others we meet in Jesus's name. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth
(Sy Miller and Jill Jackson)

Katy Kristoffersen
and
Congregation

Hymn No. 614

Congregation - Sing With Me!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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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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