

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



TENTH SUNDAY

ATTER

PENTECOST

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Meditation

“Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me”

– *John Bell, minister, hymn writer, and member of the Iona Community*

“The concept of retirement is a modern invention not found in the Bible.”

– *Bruce Waltke, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Moyer

(Adapted from a call to worship written by Joanna Harader and posted on spaciousfaith.com)

Leader: Jesus comes alongside us and calls us by name:

People: “Come and follow me.”

Leader: A simple call. A hard call

People: Because following requires leaving.

Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

People: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

Leader: It is hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake. But we have come this far,
to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.

**People: So as we are gathered together, let us worship God with trust, faith, and joy as we seek
to follow Jesus.**

OPENING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

WELCOMING SONG*

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

Congregation

(Brian Wren)

Hymn No. 584

All Verses

SCRIPTURE READING**Genesis 12:1-5**

Cindi Myers

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:**Lead Me Lord**

UCSJ Choir

(John D. Becker; Arr. Mark Hayes)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.*

Refrain

*Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied. **Refrain***

*Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of peace,
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Mark 1:14-20**

Rev. Heather Mikelson

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Rev. Heather Mikelson

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 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

Joan Moyer and Pastor Melinda Veatch

CLOSING SONG*

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
(African-American spiritual)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 574

ALL Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Moyer

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Heather Mikelson

Reverend Heather Mikelson is an ordained minister within the PC(USA). Starting in January 2026 she has worked for the Presbytery of Western Colorado as our Transformational Revitalization Presbyter. She has served churches in Washington state and worked for a presbytery within the Church of Scotland. Heather currently lives in Fruita, Colorado, with her husband and 7-year old son.

Welcome Reverend Mikelson!

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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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