

**A Service of the Word  
For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The United Church of Santa Fe  
A United Church of Christ**

**July 21, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**For Reflection:**

*Hope is something we can all create with our actions.*

Martin Schaefer of *Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco*,  
an Ecuadorean environmental organization,  
dedicated to protecting endangered species and preserving biodiversity.

**WE GATHER**

*(May the first note of the Prelude be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.  
Also, as we enter into worship, please hold applause during the service. All that is offered is offered to the glory of God.)*

Gathering Music

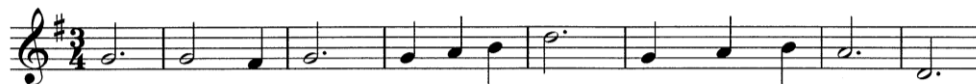
*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Trad. Spanish melody/arr. Becki Mayo

\*Introit

***Christ, Be Our Light*** (2x)  
*(\*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Bernadette Farrell



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gath-ered to - day.

Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

\*Sharing God's Gifts and Regathering in Song

***Christ, Be Our Light*** (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

*Ellacombe*

Gesangbuch der herzoglichen

The Call to Worship from Psalm 103 (**congregation bold**)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bendice al Señor, alma mía.

**Bendice al Señor, alma mía. Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

The Lord redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**Bendice al Señor, alma mía. Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

The Lord satisfies us with good as long as we live that our youth is renewed like the eagles.

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all that is within us bless God's holy name!

**Bendice al Señor, alma mía. Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

\*Hymn

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***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

Isaac Watts/Ellacombe

## WE PREPARE

An Invocation from the United Church of Christ *Book of Worship* (unison)

**Gracious God,  
gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness,  
you have brought us forth from the womb of your being  
and breathed into us the breath of life.  
We know that we do not live by bread alone  
but by every word that comes from you.  
Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ.  
May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them" be fulfilled in us.  
Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every time and place  
we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Prayer

The Affirmation of God's Presence and Grace

\*A Song of Praise

*From All That Dwell below the Skies*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung! Let God the Spirit free each tongue!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

From the Stories of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Hymn 321

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

Mary Lathbury/Bread of Life

Sermon

*God's Steadfast Love Made Flesh*

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

*I'll Walk with God*

Paul Francis Webster/Nicholas Brodsky

## WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*please pray any version*)

## WE GO IN PEACE

\*Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Charles Wesley/Hyfrydol



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down.  
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!  
3. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!  
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;  
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

*Kyrie Eleison*

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

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### **WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!**

We're glad you've joined in worship this morning, and we hope you found both the service and community engaging and enriching. We invite you also to join in the weeks ahead as together we "love God, Neighbor, and Creation." For more information about United, please visit our website [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Again, welcome!

#### **We Invite Your Morning Offering**

Your morning offering, along with regular pledges, makes possible the abundant life and ministry of the United Church. As you leave, please take a moment to leave your offering in the Community Room plates. Thank you!

Sharing leadership are the Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Quiara Cortez, Hymn Leader; Blanca Surgeon, Liturgist; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez with volunteer Frank Wilbanks. You were greeted by Louise Cavatta, Dusty and Cathy Caruso, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

We welcome Joshua Klein, bass-baritone Opera Apprentice, this Sunday. He hails from Flower Mound, Texas and recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he performed numerous roles, as well as with Opera North and the Vienna Summer Festival. This summer at the Santa Fe Opera, he is covering the role of Leporello in *Don Giovanni* and Deacon 2/Joe in *The Righteous*. We thank him for enriching worship with United!

#### **Who's Our Family? – All Creation! Summer Children's Ministry**

Every Sunday, United's kids explore different perspectives on "Who's Our Family?" To see God, Jesus said, look at the birds and the flowers. Today after tending the Children's Garden, United's kids—led by today's volunteer Bruce Turnquist—explore United's flowers, bushes, and birds to see how they see God. All kids and grandkids welcome! (And we invite you to volunteer for a coming summer Sunday!)

#### **Love Kids? Love Fun?**

So volunteer one Sunday this summer to help with Children's Ministry! We'll provide the plans—you just need to sign up and show up. Let Karen Wilbanks or Talitha Arnold know you can help! Sign up in the Community Room.

***What's Ahead? – Santa Fe Today and Santa Fe Tomorrow***  
**Today's Forum with City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth**

City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth represents United's district in Santa Fe. An alum of Colorado College, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and University of New Mexico Law School, she'll share her perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing our community—and how United Church can help address them.

***God's Story from Around the World: United's Sacred Art***

Hispanic Catholic Santos and Bultos, Native American paintings and instruments, a Guatemalan Annunciation, a Ukrainian Nativity. All are part of United's diverse collection of sacred folk art. So get a cup of coffee and before the Forum, check out the Community Room display to see how the Christian story is shared by artists from around the world and also reflective of this corner of creation.

**HELP OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME BE ECO-FRIENDLY**

Please join in the time for fellowship, coffee, and snacks after today's service. And when you're done, please put used cups and napkins in the compost bin in the Community Room. Thanks to Reunity Resources, they'll be turned into great compost.

**“United Church Night” at Fuego Baseball Game!**  
**TONIGHT! 5:30 pm—A few tickets still left**

Join with your United community to cheer Santa Fe's hometown baseball team, the Fuegos. We're sponsoring the game, so we throw out the first pitch, lead the National Anthem, meet the players, get discounted tickets, and have United Church highlighted all through the game. Tickets: \$6 (33% off!). Families with kids free. (Help underwrite family tickets by including a donation with your ticket purchase.) Extra tickets are in the Community Room with an envelope for checks or cash (honor system). Friends welcome!

***IN THE WINGS THIS SUMMER . . .***

***Guest Preacher Rev. Brandon Johnson in Worship and Forum Next Sunday***

In a dialogue sermon with Talitha Arnold and in the Forum, we welcome Rev. Brandon Johnson, Minister of First Christian Church in Burbank, California, and former Associate Minister with United Church of Santa Fe.

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the United Church of Santa Fe**  
**In-person and Live-streamed – Sunday, August 4 at 11:15 am**

Join in person or via live-stream after 10:00 service. We'll give thanks for our life and ministry, recognize outgoing Council members, elect the new Council, and look to the future. The Annual Report will be available by Sun., July 28.

***Next Drop-in for Choir – Sunday, August 11***

All singers (youth and adults) are invited to come at 9:00 to rehearse a simple anthem and then sing in the 10:00 service. (Bradley Ellingboe, [unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com))

**It's Time to Share—One Great Hour of Sharing**

Throughout the U.S. and around the world, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference. United invites your support for the ecumenical effort that impacts lives and addresses issues of poverty and access to education. You can also designate it for particular emergencies (e.g., earthquake relief, long-term development, or emergency needs for refugees on the U.S./Mexico border). Donate online ([unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)) or by check (memo: OGHŠ). Thank you!

**Ruidoso and Las Vegas Fire and Flood Relief**

Thanks to the Pretty Good Guys' Pancake Breakfast, we've already sent over \$1,200 for Fire and Flood Relief for Ruidoso and Las Vegas. It's not too late to help! All gifts go directly for relief work. Donate online ([unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)) or by check (memo: "Fire Relief"). Thank you for your care and prayers for the people, communities, and all creation.

**Summer Food (and Finance) Drive for the Food Depot**

United offers many ways to support The Food Depot. If you have a garden at home, add an extra row and bring extra produce to United to go to the Depot. Or bring non-perishable food items: canned vegetables/fruit, pasta, rice, dried beans, canned meats, soups, baby foods (powdered formula, cereal, jars), diapers. Monetary donations welcome: online at [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) or check (memo "Food Depot"). Thank you!

**United Church Commits to Love God, Neighbor, and Creation in a Whole Lot of Ways**

From supporting our Diné/Navajo sisters and brothers to providing relief resettlement for Afghan, Central American, and Ukrainian refugees to feeding hungry people in Santa Fe and helping persons recovering from New Mexico's devastating fires to composting waste into life-giving compost, United seeks to love our neighbors and God's creation in all kinds of ways. Go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to find out more!

***Shakespeare in the Garden – Thursday through Sundays at Santa Fe Botanical Gardens***

United Church member, Jennifer Graves, is a producer for Shakespeare in the Garden's production of *Twelfth Night*, starting this Thursday (7:00 pm) to August 18 (weekly Thurs. to Sunday) at the SF Botanical Garden. Come early (5:30) with a picnic supper. Enjoy! Tickets: [santafeclassictheater.org](http://santafeclassictheater.org).

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