

A FIESTA OF SONG, WORD, AND CULTURE
for
FIESTA SUNDAY

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

September 8, 2024
10:00 A.M.

fiesta: (fe'es'ta) Spanish, from the Latin, "festa"—meaning feast, festival, a celebration of the saints' days or other special days in the life of the community, such as a homecoming or harvest.

WE GATHER

- Gathering Music *Córdoba* from *Chants d'Espagne, Op. 232, No. 4* Isaac Albéniz
- *Introit *Pues si vivimos* Mexican Folk Hymn
*In all our living, we belong to God; and in our dying, we are still with God;
So whether living, or whether dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.*
*Pues si vivimos, para Dios vivimos, y si morimos, para Dios morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos, somos del buen Dios, somos del buen Dios.*
- Welcoming of Visitors and Sharing of Our Life Together
- Breathing in and Sharing God's Gifts *Blessings! ¡Bendiciones!*
- Sharing God's Peace and Regathering *Pues si vivimos* (Spanish verse)
- Breathing in God's Gifts Again
- Musical Call to Worship *Buen Shabbat*
On the Sabbath we wish good health, good life, and many years of peace and happiness to the whole family.
- Call to Worship (congregation in bold)
- Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair. *¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!*
¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!
- Praise God, who gathers up fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities.
¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!
- Praise God, who laid the foundation of the earth and all the children of God shouted for joy!
¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!
- People of God, come. Shout for joy and sing your praise to God.
- *Hymn 39 *Cantemos al Creador* Psalm 68/Carlos Rosas
(1st English, 1st Spanish)

WE PREPARE

In a Prayer of Invocation and Confession

In your name, O Lord, we gather this day.

Lord, hear us. Señor, escúchanos.

Open us to your presence among us.

Señor, escúchanos.

Give us voices to sing your praise and hearts to trust your presence.

Señor, escúchanos.

Forgive us for the harm we have done and the good we have left undone. Remind us always there is more grace in you than sin in us.

Señor, escúchanos.

Fill us with your hope, feed us with your love, and guide us by your Spirit.

Señor, escúchanos.

Then from this gathering, send us into your world that we might minister in love to all persons, strive for justice and peace, and respond to your word in our lives.

Señor, escúchanos.

A Time of Silent Prayer

The Affirmation of God's Presence and Grace

*Our Song of Praise

Creator God, We Sing

Psalm 68/Carlos Rosas

*Creator God we sing, your power and wisdom blessing,
our hope and wonder bring, admiration now expressing.
The universe maintains that God in might is dwelling;
and we, in humble strains of God's beauty here are telling.
Alleluia, alleluia! Creator God we sing: Alleluia!*

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SONGS OF PRAISE

Word of Introduction

A Song from the Hebrew Bible

Psalm 146

Pepper Choplin

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of
Jacob, Rachel and Leah,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
God upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Hymn 24

Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise)
(1st Hebrew solo; 1st, 2nd, 4th English)

Leoni

Sephardic Hymn

Kuando el Rey Nimrod

*When King Nimrod went out into the fields, he looked at the heavens and at all the stars.
He saw a holy light above the Jewish quarter, a sign that Abraham our father was about to be born.
Let us greet the godfather and also the moel.
Because of his virtue, may the Messiah come to redeem all Israel.
Surely we will praise the true redeemer, of Israel.*

STORIES OF HOPE

Strangers and Neighbors: A Dialogue

Tammie Ortega and Talitha Arnold

Silence

Hymn

Non Komo Muestro Dyo (insert)

WE RESPOND

Musical Call to Prayer

Durme, Durme

*Sleep, sleep Mother's little one, free from worry and pain.
Listen joy to your Mother's words, the words of Sh'ma Yisrael.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

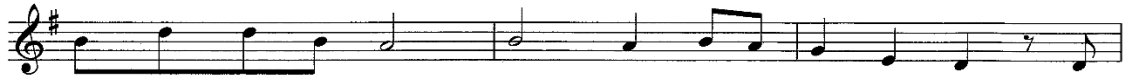
WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn

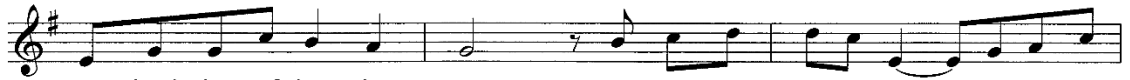
Light Dawns on a Weary World (st. 1-2) Mary Louise Bringle/Temple of Peace
(based on the visions of the Prophet Isaiah)



1. Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to see all
2. Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find bread and
3. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for - lorn, find



peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a wea - ry world: the
chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a wea - ry world: the
wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world: the



prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands
prom - ised green of E - den comes.



gush with springs; the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with



sing - ing! We shall go out in joy, and be led



forth in peace, as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Light Dawns on a Weary World (st. 3) Mary Louise Bringle/Temple of Peace

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. 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. Jacquelyn Helin, Guest Pianist; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; the Sanctuary Choir; Bruce Turnquist, Reader; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez. You were greeted by Blanca Surgeon, Tom and Sally Stewart, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

Children's Ministry

Children are invited check out the Children's Garden, harvest produce for Santa Fe Shelters and then explore God's great feast!

TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

All Church Burrito Brunch!

What better way to celebrate Fiesta Sunday than a Burrito Brunch with your church community? Stay after the 10:00 service and share fellowship, along with burritos, fruit, and dessert!

Adult Forum: *Envisioning United's Outdoor Children & Youth Space*

A major United project this year is developing outdoor spaces for children and youth to gather, play, explore, and learn. Get your burrito and come share your ideas and hear the ideas of others.

HELP OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME BE ECO-FRIENDLY

The paper goods we use for the fellowship time are compostable, so when you're done, please put them in the compost bin in the Community Room. Reunity Resources turns them into great compost. Thanks!

Mary Roessel, Pam Hyde, and Talitha Arnold Focus on Mental Health on KSFR (101.1 FM) this Monday

Talitha Arnold hosts KSFR's "Community Forum" this Monday (101.1 FM, 6:00 pm), with special guests (and United members) Pam Hyde, former head of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and Psychiatrist Mary Hasbah Roessel, M.D., focusing on "Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention in New Mexico." Tune in!

Pretty Good Guys – Wednesday, September 11 (10:30 to 12:00)

The "Guys" begin reading *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan. All United men are invited to join in the lively and wide-ranging discussion about the role of religion, Christianity, and faith in our lives and the world (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month).

Resiliency and Hope: *Strengthening Our Souls* – Thursday Mornings (8:00 am) via Zoom

Explore *The Gospel of Mark* with Talitha Arnold and United members and friends across the country. Sign up at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com or speak with Talitha for more information.

Hassidic Texts of Passionate Pluralism – Orthodox Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Roots

Adult Forum – Next Sunday, September 15, 11:15 am

Guided by Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, we'll explore Jewish Hassidic texts—about pluralism and what may be called "the humility of the journey"—that give us a wonderful theoretical framework for how to hold the stick from both ends at the same time – to be passionately dedicated to what you believe in and at the same time to listen to, respect, learn from, and even accept opposing truths. These texts provide some of the Jewish theological foundations for the work of *Roots* that tries to find room in our hearts for both the Jewish and the Palestinian.

Palestinian/Israeli Visitors from *Roots* – Monday, September 16 at United (7:00 pm)

Next week, United welcomes the founders of "Roots" a Palestinian/Israeli initiative for understanding, nonviolence, and transformation from the West Bank. *Roots* is dedicated to dialogue and trust between Palestinians and Israelis as a path to peace. Talitha Arnold met with *Roots*' members in 2019 on a study trip to Israel/Palestine. On Monday evening, Sept. 16, Rabbi Schlesinger and Mr. A'wad offer a community-wide presentation (7:00 pm). **Mandatory pre-registration by this Friday, Sept. 13, for this event: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/rootspresentation.** To help with logistics for the *Roots* events (transportation, greeting etc.), please let Talitha know.

Award-winning Author Anne Hillerman – Wednesday, September 18 (10:00 am)

Wednesday Women's Study Group Invite YOU to join in!

The Wednesday Women's Study Group is reading Anne Hillerman's latest Manuelito-Leaphorn-Chee mystery, *Lost Birds*, this fall. Thanks to Anne's friendship with Talitha Arnold, she is coming to United on Wed., Sept. 18. and the Study Group invites the United community to join in the conversation and book signing. All welcome!

Santa Fe River Cleanup – Saturday, September 21 (8:30-10:00 am) – *NEW DATE!*

Join us to care for our corner of Creation. We'll meet where Closson St. ends at the river. United provides donuts, coffee, and trash bags. You bring a hat, sunscreen, and gloves. Please sign up in the Community Room, call 505-988-3295 or email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. All Creation thanks you!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS – Sunday, September 29

On the last Sunday of September, we welcome new members into the United Church of Santa Fe. If you are interested in "officially" joining United, please speak with Rev. Talitha Arnold or Moderator Sarah Sawtell. Thank you!

Join United's "Prayer Child" Ministry

Each fall, United members and friends volunteer to pray daily for a child or youth in our church. This year we're also asking Prayer Child Prayers to send cards (Christmas, Easter, etc.) to their "Pray-ees." (We provide addresses, cards, even stamps.) So, will you pray for a United kid? Sign up at church or unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. Thank you!

Summer Food (and Finance) Drive for the Food Depot

United offers many ways to support The Food Depot. Bring produce from your own garden or non-perishable food items: canned vegetables/fruit, pasta, rice, etc. Monetary donations welcome: online at unitedchurchofsantafe.org or check (memo "Food Depot"). Deadline for donations is Sunday, September 22. Thank you!