

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The United Church of Santa Fe
A United Church of Christ

January 26, 2025
10:00 A.M.

WE GATHER

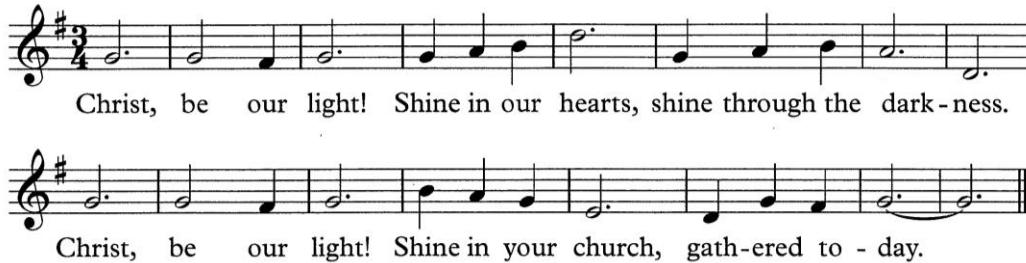
(May the first note of the Prelude be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.)

Gathering Music

*Introit

Christ, Be Our Light! (2x)

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

Walk in the Light

André Thomas

The Call to Worship from Psalm 19 (**congregation in bold**)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,

O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*Hymn

451

Be Now My Vision (1-3)

Ancient Irish Text/Slane

WE PREPARE

*A Prayer of Invocation (**unison**)

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness. Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*In a Time of Silent Prayer

*In a Song of Praise

Be Now My Vision

Slane

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

(During the song, children are invited to Children's Ministry)

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Luke 4:14-18

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned from the wilderness to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because God has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Hymn 292

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (1-3)

Edwin Hatch/Trentham

Sermon

Opening Our Eyes

Silence

Musical Response

The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me (The Apostles)

Edward Elgar

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*Please pray any version of the Lord's Prayer.*)

Offering Our Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All that we have and all that we are comes from your gracious hand, O Lord. Bless these gifts that we offer this day. Use them and use our lives to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed, so that all might know your care and love. Amen.

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn 164

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Ruth Duck/Festal Song

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone the Glory!



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 welcome the Rev. Ben Larzelere as our guest preacher this morning. Ben is a Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) and was Pastor of Christ Lutheran for many years. We also welcome guest pianist Cheney Doane, who also teaches music and coaches volleyball at Santa Fe Prep. Also sharing leadership are Frank Norris and Jessica Smucker, Liturgists; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator with Frank Wilbanks, volunteer. You were greeted by Blanca Surgeon, Rosemary Thompson, Kimberly Zeilik, Pam Hyde, Karen Wilbanks, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

Kids United Celebrate Prayer

United's Kids explore prayer with Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz—and make prayer collages for the rest of us to learn, too. All welcome!

Adult Forum Series: *Reading Bonhoeffer in 2025 America* Sundays 1/26, 2/2, 2/16 & 3/2 (11:15 – Education Wing)

This Forum series continues with a documentary about Bonhoeffer's life and work and turns to Bonhoeffer's essay, *After Ten Years*, his account of German fascism and what its resisters learned. Handout available in the Community Room.

UNITED CHURCH SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

The devastating fires throughout southern California have left many people homeless, destroyed thousands of schools, places of worship, and businesses. The United Church of Christ, both nationally and through local California congregations, is providing both emergency relief to those in need (regardless of faith or background) and will help rebuild communities and lives. United Church of Santa Fe invites your donations (online: unitedchurchofsantafe.org; by check, memo: "California Fire Relief") to be sent to the Southern California Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank you.

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!

Groups This Week – All Welcome!

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – *Sanctuary Choir* (unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com)

Thursday, 8:00 am – Zoom Study of the *Gospel of Mark* (register: unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)

5:15 pm – **Church Council**

New Immigration Policies – the People They Impact and the Help We Can Offer

Sunday Forum – Feb. 2

Immigrants and asylum seekers all across our nation live under the shadow of mass deportation. United's Immigration and Refugee Task Force invites you Feb. 2 to a Forum on how we can really help locally in the coming months. (Avril Ekstrand, Chair: avrilekstrand@yahoo.com)

Immigrant & Workers' Day of Action – Monday, Feb. 3 (8:00 am – 3:30 pm)

Somos Acción (Somos Un Pueblo Unido, NM Immigration Law Center, and other local rights organizations) hosts a march, rally, legislator visits, and debriefing Monday, Feb. 3. Call 505-424-7832 for more information. Flyers in the Community Room. (Avril Ekstrand: (505) 490-8164, avrilekstrand@yahoo.com)

Facing the Future with Faith: United's Challenges and Opportunities Ahead **Sunday Forum – February 9 (11:15)**

In the Covenant of the United Church of Santa Fe, we promise to give ourselves to the "challenges and opportunities" of our life and ministry together. 2025 has a mixture of both, including the challenge of significantly increased insurance and accountant expenses and the possibility and opportunity of a full-time Director of Family, Children, and Youth Ministries. United also has a long history of building on faith, hope, and love. This forum is a chance to hear about some of those opportunities and challenges as we face the future with faith. All welcome!

At United, we seek to "Love God, Neighbor, Creation" in a whole lot of ways . . .

Support for California Fire Relief, hope for Ukrainian, Gazan and Sudanese refugees, reducing our carbon impact, emergency funds for our Diné/Navajo neighbors, and more! [Unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) has ways to help. Thank you!

Supporting Our Diné/Navajo Brothers and Sisters

Your financial support for covid relief work (food and cleaning supplies) and masks continue to make a difference. Donations are sent to United's long-time partner, the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, in Fort Defiance, Arizona.



AND TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING CREATION...

Care for Creation and Offset Your Carbon Use

United's "Carbon Offset Program" helps plant trees and also advocates for policies to address climate change. It's simple to do: Track your car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and *Tree New Mexico*. Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care.

Compost Collection – It's a Miracle!

United contracts with Reunity Resources to turn compostable products (e.g., food waste, meat scraps, etc.) into rich, life-giving compost. Pick up compostable garbage bags at the church (**NO** standard plastic bags, please), fill them at home, and bring back to put in the green bin by the Children's Garden. More things in the compost bin means less in the landfill and less water use. Info at reunityresources.com. (Also during the fellowship time after the service, **please put coffee cups and napkins in the compost can in the Community Room.**)

FEBFEST25

FEBRUARY 8TH

8:30AM-4:00PM

Choral Workshop

\$65 in-person/\$25 virtual

Info & Tickets:

abqcorolux.org/febfest-2025/

4:00PM

Free Community Concert

Freewill Offering for Santa Fe Youth Choirs
and UNM's *Fervent Praise* Gospel Choir

Hosted by

The United Church of Santa Fe

and

Coro Lux-Chorus of Light



DR. BRANDON BOYD

Conductor and
Composer



CECILIA WEBB
Host of KUNM's
"Train to Glory"



AMY OWENS
Vocal Technique
Soprano

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