

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
for
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The United Church of Santa Fe
A United Church of Christ

August 11, 2024
10:00 A.M.

For Reflection

Now to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and to Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Apostle Paul's Letter to the United Church of Ephesus (3:21)

WE GATHER

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

Gathering Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Phillip Keveren

*Congregational Introit **Circle of Life** (2x) Marty Haugen
*(*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

***One great circle of life, living circle of love, plants and trees, seas and rivers, and the blessed sky above,
Creatures great, creatures small, one the web that weaves us all, in the circle of life.***

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Welcome and Sharing Our Life and Ministry

Breathing in God's Gifts and Blessing of Students and Educators (**unison**)
(from a prayer by Rev. William Sloane Coffin, former Yale University Chaplain)

**May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
grace to risk something big for something good;
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love.
So, may God take your minds and think through them;
may God take your lips and speak through them;
may God take your hearts and set them on fire.
Go with our blessing. Amen**

*Sharing the Gifts and Regathering in Song **Circle of Life** (1x) Marty Haugen

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship **Come All You People** Alexander Gondo
***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker. Come now and worship the Lord.***

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The Call to Worship (**congregation 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 the 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 17 **To You, O God, All Creatures Sing** (1-3) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

WE PREPARE

*In A Prayer of Invocation (based on Ephesians 3)

We praise and give you thanks, O God our Creator. As we gather for worship this day, may you strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner being. May Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and established in love, so we may have power, together with all your people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

*In a Time of Silent Prayer

*In the Affirmation of Grace

*Our Song of Praise

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way,
Sings your praises, alleluia!*

*As savory fruit and fragrant flower, show forth your glory and your power, singing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(During the song, children are invited to Children's Ministry. Children may also stay with their parents,
and if they like, check out the "Pray Room" at the back of the Sanctuary.)*

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

From the Story of the Prophets

I Kings 19:1-8

The Story of Elijah the Prophet

King Ahab told Queen Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets of Baal with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die:

Elijah's Song in the Wilderness

It is Enough from Frederic Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

*It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,
for I am not better than my fathers!*

I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity.

*I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts,
for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars,
and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword.*

*And I, even I only am left:
and they seek my life to take it away! I
It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,
for I am not better than my fathers!
Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!*

Silent Reflection

The Story Continues

Then Elijah lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reflection

It is Enough

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger (Psalm 145)

WE RESPOND

Sharing Our Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (*please pray any version*)

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.

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!

Blessing of Students, Parents and Educators –Today and Next Sunday

It's hard to believe but school is starting. At United, we take time to recognize all our students and educators in a variety of settings. Whether you're a teacher, counselor, middle schooler, kindergartener, parent, or any other role in education, please know your church community holds you in prayer throughout the year ahead.

United's 36 children, youth, and college freshman we bless this morning and next Sunday, represent 6 different colleges, and 18 different Santa Fe schools (9 public, 4 private, 3 charter, and 2 international magnet). That presents some unique challenges for children's and youth ministry in these times.

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; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music and soloist; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Drop-In Choir; Kim Zeilik, Liturgist; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez. You were greeted by Rosemary Thompson, Char and Bruce Cebell, Pam Hyde, Karen Wilbanks, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

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. After tending the Children's Garden, United's kids explore United's flowers, bushes, birds, and bugs to see how they see God. All kids and grandkids welcome! For those children who wish to stay in the Sanctuary with their parents, please check out the "Pray-Ground" in the Library corner.

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.

Adult Forum – Today –(11:15 am)

Christus St. Vincent President & CEO Lillian Montoya Vice President for Community Kathy Armijo Etre

Continuing our Sunday Forum series, "What's Up? What's Ahead: Santa Fe Today and Tomorrow," we welcome two leaders of Christus St. Vincent Hospital, Lillian Montoya and Kathy Armijo Etre for their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities ahead for the hospital and Santa Fe health care. All welcome!

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.

Pretty Good Guys – This Wednesday, August 14 (10:30-12:00)

After finishing "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time," the guys meet this Wednesday to discuss what comes next. All men invited to join them on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls – Thursday, Aug. 15 at 8:00 am (via Zoom)

Explore next Sunday's scriptures with Talitha Arnold and United members and friends from across Santa Fe and across the country. Sign up at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com or speak with Talitha for more information.

**All Church Family Supper and Water Fun
This Friday, August 16 (5:30 – 7:00 pm)**

At the end of the first week of school, join with other United families for supper and outdoor water play. Friends welcome, too! Sign up today or at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. All ages welcome, too – whether or not you have kids!

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) or by check (memo: OGHs). Thank you!

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 or check (memo "Food Depot"). Thank you!

COMING UP...

God's Story Shown by Historic and Contemporary Hispanic Art

Hispanic Catholic Santos and Bultos—painted, carved, created in tin, wood and straw—all portraying stories from Noah's Ark to Moses and the Burning Bush to the Nativity. Saints stories, too, from St. Francis to St. Mary of Magdala. All are part of United's diverse collection of sacred Hispanic art from Spanish Markets. 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 this corner of the continent.

United's Sacred Native American Art – Next Sunday, August 18 (11:15)

On Indian Market Sunday, take time between the services or after the 10:00 service to see sacred art from Pueblo, Navajo/Diné, Apache, and many other Native American traditions.

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IN THE WINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7:00 pm

The Sanctuary Choir resumes its regular rehearsal schedule Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm and begins singing in the 10:00 service Sunday, September 8 with warmup at 9:00 am. For more information, please contact Director of Music Brad Ellingboe: unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com.

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 aid for refugees to feeding hungry people in Santa Fe and helping others recovering from New Mexico's 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 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.

Palestinian/Israeli Visitors from "Roots" – September 15 and 16 at United

This fall, United welcomes the founders of "Roots," a Palestinian/Israeli peace advocacy group 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. The Roots leaders will be our guests in Sunday worship and the Forum on Sept. 15, and then offer a community-wide presentation Monday evening, Sept. 16, at 7:00 pm. (Registration required for Monday evening: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/rootspresentation.) Mark your calendars now!

Also, if you'd like to help with logistics for the Roots events (transportation, greeting and checking in attendees for the Monday evening presentations, etc.), please let Talitha know.