

A SERVICE OF THE WORD
for
THE 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
and
INDIAN MARKET SUNDAY

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

August 20, 2022
10:00 A.M.

God is already here.

For Reflection:

*How shall I begin my song
in the blue night that is settling?
In the great night my heart will go out,
toward me the darkness comes rattling.
In the great night, my heart will go out.*

Tohono O'odham (Papago) Prayer

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell
My Faith Looks up to Thee*

Old Hundredth/arr. Phillip Keveren
Olivet

*Introit

Heleluyan (2x)

Muskogee Native American

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

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Welcoming of Visitors and Sharing of Our Life Together

Breathing in God's Blessing and Offering that Blessing to Students, Educators, and Parents

Offering God's Blessings to One Another *Blessings for this Blessed Day!*

Sharing God's Peace and Regathering

Heleluyan (1x)

Muskogee Native American

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

We Are Not Our Own

Brian Wren

Call to Worship from the Ute Sacred Tradition (**congregation in bold**)

Earth teach us stillness . . . **as the grasses are stilled with light.**
Earth teach us suffering . . . **as old stones suffer with memory.**
Earth teach us courage . . . **as the tree which stands all alone.**
Earth teach us limitation . . . **as the ant which crawls on the ground.**
Earth teach us freedom . . . **as the eagle which soars in the sky.**
Earth teach us resignation . . . **as the leaves which die in the fall.**
Earth teach us regeneration . . . **as the seed which rises in the spring.**
Earth teach us to forget ourselves . . . **as melted snow forgets its life.**
Earth teach us to remember kindness . . . **as dry fields weep with rain.**

(After the hymn, children are invited to the Children’s Garden and to “Embark on the Ark.”)

WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation from the Tewa Tradition

O our Mother the earth, O our Father the sky:
Your children are we and we bring you our lives.

Then weave for us a garment of brightness.

May the warp be the white light of morning, may the weft be the red light of evening.

May the fringes be the falling rain, may the border be the standing rainbow.

Thus weave for us a garment of brightness

That we may walk fittingly where birds sing,

That we may walk fittingly where the grass is green.

O our Mother the earth, O our Father the sky.

A Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God’s Grace

*Our Song of Praise

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Roeder

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does your creature say Love, How does your creature say Peace?*

*God of the Ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How does your creature say Joy, How does your creature say Home?*

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WE ENGAGE

Living in Ordinary Time

Jesus and the “Other Woman”

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymn 394

In Christ There Is No East or West (1-2, 4)

Harry T. Burleigh/McKee

Sermon

Living in Ordinary Time: Learning from the “Other”

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior

(Please pray any version of the Lord’s Prayer.)

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

Godspeed and Blessing

Nathan Kingston

*Hymn

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Jeffrey Rowthorn/Truro



1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries
 3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now op -
 4. In dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily



signs of fur - thest space; Let sun and moon and
 known or yet un - told; Let wa - ter's fra - gile
 pressed for creed or race; Let peace, de - scend - ing
 of a bil - lion names; Let ev - 'ry life be



stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care!
 as the dove, an - nounce on earth your heal - ing love.
 touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison (3x)

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone the Glory!

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH!

We're glad you've joined us for worship this morning and invite you to join in other ministries and programs of the church. Please go to our website (unitedchurchofsantafe.org) for more information. Again, welcome!

We welcome Soprano Caitlin Aloia in worship. Ms. Aloia is making her professional and role debut at the Santa Fe Opera as Proserpina in *L'Orfeo* and also appearing in the choruses of *Rusalka*, *Tosca*, and *The Flying Dutchman*. Ms. Aloia was granted her third Encouragement Award in the Metropolitan Opera's Laffont Competition at the district level and is the inaugural winner of the Carolyn Bailey Argento Fellowship for Vocal Performance. She has been a fellow at the Marlboro Music Festival, produced and performed in a chamber music recital at Rice University, and has performed with the Houston Chamber Choir and with Yale University. It is a joy and honor to have her offering of sacred music this morning.

Also sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Jessie Lo, Pianist; Quiara Cortez, Cantor; Weston Puglisi and Donna Clark, Liturgists; and Elijah Marquez, Social Media Coordinator, with volunteer Frank Wilbanks. You were greeted by Pam Hyde and Diane Darby; and welcomed by Ushers Joanne Rhodes and Dusty Pruitt. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Olivia Rindone Dodson, the daughter of Pier Rindone and granddaughter of Pauline Rindone, who died August 20, 2021, and whose service was held at United. Please keep the Rindone family in your prayers.

The Sacred Space Team (Donna Clark, Dana Hollifield, Christy Jones, Cindy Knox, and Nyla Rasmussen) prepared the Sanctuary for Indian Market Sunday. The Corn Blessing banner, based Navajo/Diné and Pueblo images, was designed and quilted by Judy Thomas and the table covering by Dana Hollifield.

Embark on the Ark! – Children's Ministry this Sunday

The children meet with Veterinarian Amanda Darby as they continue their exploration of how the Noah family cared for all the animals on the ark. They also read a Navajo storybook about caring. All kids and grandkids welcome!

Newcomer Orientation – Today (11:15 am)

Want to learn more about the United Church of Santa Fe and the wider United Church of Christ? Meet some new people? Come to the Newcomer Orientation. We'll share history of both our local congregation and the wider United Church from New England Pilgrims to Abolitionists, African American communities, indigenous Hawai'iian churches, and more!

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!

UNITED CHURCH SUPPORTS HAWAI'IAN FIRE RELIEF

The United Church of Santa Fe has many "sister" United Church of Christ congregations throughout Hawai'i, including on Maui and the Big Island, many of which are centuries older than United. Along with homes and businesses, many churches have been destroyed and their members killed or displaced by the recent fires. Other UCC congregations are housing both people and livestock, and pets of their neighbors. United invites your donations (online: unitedchurchofsantafe.org; by check, memo: "Hawai'i Fire Relief") to be sent to the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank you.

Pretty Good Guys Read "Bad Boys of the Bible" – Wednesday, 10:30 am

Join with other United men the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month to engage "Bad Boys of the Bible," brief reflections on Biblical men and what we learn from their stories. This week's focus is Jephtha. Books (\$15) in Community Room.

***Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls* – Thursdays at 8:00 am via Zoom**

Explore Sunday scriptures with Talitha Arnold and members and friends from across Santa Fe and across the country.

Chop and Grate – Next Friday (Aug. 25) – 9:30 am

Help prepare casseroles for the guests of Santa Fe's Shelters. All welcome!

Friday Family Supper Bags Start Next Friday (Aug. 25)

Once a month during the school year, United provides Family Supper Bags for United's hard-working parents and kids. If you'd like one, let us know. If you can help by shopping or making lasagna, let us know! (505-988-3295)

***SUMMER DROP-IN CHOIR* – Next Sunday, August 27**

If you like to sing, come next Sunday at 9:00 to rehearse and sing in the 10:00 service. Interested? Contact Director of Music Brad Ellingboe (unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com).

COMING UP – SUNDAYS AT UNITED

New Members Welcomed – Next Sunday, August 27 (both services)

We will welcome new members into the United Church of Santa Fe on Sunday, August 27 in both services. If you'd like to join or have questions about membership, please contact Talitha Arnold. Thank you!

All Church Burrito Brunch!

Fiesta Labor Day Sunday – September 10

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

Will You Pray for a Child?

Would you be interested in being paired with a child in our congregation and praying for her/him every day? All that is asked of the adult is to remember the child in prayer each day. It's as simple as that! Please sign up in the Community Room. Questions? Please contact Talitha Arnold (505-988-3295). We'll start the program in mid-September. Thanks!

Make United's Welcome a Real Deal!

We want to be a welcoming community every Sunday—we need your help to do that! Sign up today to greet/usher. Thanks!

Summer Drive for the Food Depot

If you have a home garden, bring extra produce to United. Or bring cans/boxes of vegetables/fruit, pasta, rice; family-size packages of high-protein foods (beans, canned meats, soups); baby foods (powdered formula, cereal, jars); diapers. Monetary donations welcome: check (memo "Food Depot") or online (unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Thank you!

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

Supporting our Diné/Navajo neighbors. Providing relief and resettlement for Afghan, Central American, and Ukrainian refugees. Feeding hungry people in Santa Fe. 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!

***From Aging to "Sage-ing"* – Study Group Forming**

Following August's Sunday Forum on *Living into Aging*, a number of people expressed interest in starting study groups to continue the conversations. If you're one of them, please let Talitha Arnold know of your interest or sign up in the Community Room.