

**A Service of the Word
For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
and
International Folk Art Weekend**

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

**July 14, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

God is already here.

For Reflection:

Jesus has been hijacked. The very Jesus who stood in his hometown and proclaimed, “The Lord has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor.” The very Jesus who told 5,000 hungry people that all people—not just those in the box seats—would be fed. The very Jesus who challenged the religious orthodoxy of the day by feeding the hungry on the Sabbath, who offered kindness to the prostitute and hospitality to the outcast, who raised the status of women, and who treated even the despised tax collector as a citizen of the kingdom. . . .

The struggle for a just world goes on. It is not a partisan affair. God is neither liberal nor conservative, Republican nor Democrat. To see whose side God is on, just go to the Bible. It is the widow and the orphan, the stranger and the poor who are blessed in the eyes of the Lord; it is kindness and mercy that prove the power of faith, and justice that measures the worth of the state. Kings are held accountable for how the poor fare under their reign. Prophets speak to the gap between rich and poor as a reason for God’s judgment. Poverty and justice are religious issues, and Jesus moves among the disinherited.

Journalist and Ordained American Baptist Minister Bill Moyers
accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Baptist Churches

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

Majesty

Jack Hayford

*Congregational Introit

Praise the Lord

Cameroon

(First time solo. Then the Choir. Then the whole congregation rises to join in!)



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Welcome and Breathing the Gifts of God’s Spirit

*Sharing the Gifts and Regathering in Song

Praise the Lord (1x)

Cameroon

Breathing in God’s Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Salaam, Salaam (2x)

Manal Samir



Sa - laam, sa - laam, the peace of God to ev - ery race. Sa - laam, sa - laam, the peace of God in ev - ery place.

The Call to Worship from the Prophet Isaiah (congregation bold)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who publish peace, who bring good tidings, who publish salvation, and proclaim "Your God reigns!"

And we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

And we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and justice.

*Hymn

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God of Grace and God of Glory (1-3)

Harry Emerson Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

WE PREPARE

In a Prayer of Invocation (unison)

God of peace,

let us your people know,

that at the heart of turbulence

there is an inner calm that comes

from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are,

that from this central peace

there may come a creative compassion,

a thirst for justice,

and a willingness to give of ourselves

in the spirit of Christ.

In a Time of Silent Prayer and the Affirmation of Grace

*Our Song of Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

From the Prophet Micah

Micah 4:1-4

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that the Lord may teach us the right ways

and that we may walk in right paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

The Lord shall judge between many peoples,

and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

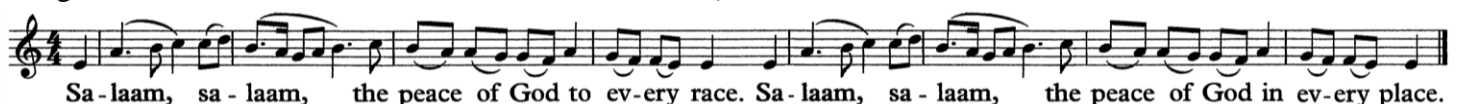
and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Song

Salaam, Salaam

Manal Samir



Sa - laam, sa - laam, the peace of God to ev-ery race. Sa - laam, sa - laam, the peace of God in ev-ery place.

Sermon

*God's True Glory:
No Swords, No Spears, Just Plows and Fig Trees*

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Carolyn N. Jennings

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal he was God, The Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord!
He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy truth,
Hope of all the nations, Light of all the world!
He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

WE RESPOND

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

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions (1, 3-5)

Julian Rush

*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!

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 with Drop-In Choir; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Rev. Ken Bordner, Liturgist; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez. You were greeted by Tom and Sally Stewart, Margy Maira, Lousie Cavatta, 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. Today after tending the Children's Garden, United's kids—led by today's volunteer Gail Ansheles—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.

Today after Worship – 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 walk around the Community Room 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.

Coming Up This Week

Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls – Thursday (July 11) 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.

Support Santa Fe's Shelters

United Church provides full dinners monthly to Santa Fe Shelters. Join in **“Chop and Grate” this Friday (July 19) at 9:30** to prepare casseroles for the Interfaith, Casa Familia, and St. Elizabeth Shelters **and/or make meatloaves at home and/or help deliver on Monday, July 22**. Please contact Pat Roach to lend a hand: proach102@comcast.net or call 505-988-7357.

Meatloaves Needed!

Twelve meatloaves are needed by next Monday, July 22! If you can make a meatloaf or two for this month's Shelter dinners, please let Pat Roach know (proach102@comcast.net). They can be made ahead of time and stored frozen at United.

What's Ahead? – Santa Fe Today and Santa Fe Tomorrow

Next Sunday's Forum with City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Santa Fe native Carol Romero-Wirth is the long-time City Councilor from United's district. She'll share her perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing our community—and how United Church can help address them.

“United Church Night” at Fuego Baseball Game!

Next Sunday (July 21) – 5:30 pm (sign up this morning!)

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.) Sign up this morning in the Community Room or contact unitedchurchsf@gmail.com by this Wednesday. Friends welcome!

IN THE WINGS THIS SUMMER . . .

44th 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 Sunday, 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)

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!

Ruidoso and Las Vegas Fire and Flood Relief

Thanks to the Pretty Good Guys' Pancake Breakfast, we've already sent over \$1,000 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) 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 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 to find out more!

For your protection, please do not leave valuables visible in your car. Please remember to always lock your car when attending services or events at United. Thank you!