

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE**  
**A United Church of Christ**  
**A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M.**

***For Reflection***

*All people wondered to see the water turned to wine. Every day the earth's moisture being drawn into the root of a vine is turned by the grape into wine, and no one wonders. Full of wonder are all the things which we never think to wonder at.*

Pope Gregory the Great

**WE GATHER**

*(May the first note of the Gathering Music be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.  
Also, please turn off your cell phone upon entering the Sanctuary.)*

Gathering Music

*Remembering When  
Veni Creator Spiritus*

Diane Johnston  
Kathleen Ryan

\*Introit

***Creator God We Sing***  
*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Carlos Rosas

Cre - a - tor God we sing, a hymn of joy we're mak-ing; our grate-ful love we  
bring, as the new day's light is break-ing. God made the sea and land; the sun and stars came  
roll-ing from God's own lov-ing hand, their Cre-a - tor's love ex - tol - ling.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cre - a - tor God we sing: Al-le-lu - ia!

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Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Spirit of Peace, Hope, and Love

Sharing God's Spirit

***May the Spirit be with you!***

\*Regathering and Welcoming Visitors

***Creator God We Sing*** (1x)

Carlos Rosas

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

*Glorious Day*

Smith/arr. Keveren

The Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8)

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
Your glory above the heavens is chanted  
by the mouths of babes and infants.

**When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you have made;  
who are we that you think of us,  
and our children that you care for them?**

You have given us responsibility to care for the works of your hands;  
All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.  
**O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*Hymn

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*O How Glorious* (1-2)

Curtis Beach/In Babilone

**WE OPEN TO GOD'S SPIRIT**

\*In a Prayer of Invocation from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship

God of grace, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness,  
**you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life.**  
We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you.  
**Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ.**  
**May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them," be fulfilled in us.**  
Make us a joyful company of your people  
**so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High.**

\*In a Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

\*In Song

*O How Glorious*

Curtis Beach/In Babilone

*You have set us in communion with the wonders of your hand,  
Made us fly with eagle pinion, pilgrims over sea and land.  
Soaring spire and ruined city, these our hopes and failures show.  
Teach us more of human pity, that we in your image grow.*

**WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD**

A Psalm of Creation

Psalm 50:7-15

The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.  
Our God comes and does not keep silent; ...  
The heavens declare God's righteousness,  
for God is the judge.  
"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Chosen Ones, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.  
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house  
or goats from your folds.  
For every wild animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.  
I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.  
"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and all that is in it is mine. ...  
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and pay your vows to the Most High.  
Call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Hymn 3

*Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*  
(English verses, 1-2)

Lakota Hymn

Sermon

*A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving*

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

## WE RESPOND

Invitation to the Offering and Offertory

*Creation*

Kevin Pace

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Gift of Communion

Remembering this Meal

Welcoming to the Feast

Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord. Let us make a huge loaf of bread and bring the fruit of the vine so that all may share in God's abundance.

**Let the young ones add the salt. Let the older ones bring along the yeast. Let many guests come.** Come quickly. Let us follow the recipe of the Lord.

**Let us all knead the dough together with our hands. Let us see with joy how the bread grows.** We give thanks for the abundance of all creation.

**We renew our commitment to give ourselves for the sake of all life, as God has given life to us.**

Prayer of Thanks and Blessing

Gracious God, you bless our lives every day and night—through the wonders of your stars, moon, and sun, the beauty of earth and sky, all plants and animals. Open our eyes to see you in your creation all around us.  
*(silence)*

You bless us through the lives of our kindred and neighbors—people of all ages, tongues, races, faiths, and colors. Open our hearts to see all persons as beloved children of a loving God.  
*(silence)*

Ever-present God, you promise to be with us throughout our lives—in times of joy and sorrow, faith and doubt. Help us to trust you—with our need for your healing and guidance, your hope and courage.  
*(silence)*

You who call us out of loneliness into life together, hear our prayers for those with whom we share life in this community of faith, in our places of work and play, and in our circles of friends and family.  
*(silence)*

You whose heart is greater than we can imagine, hear too our prayers for this suffering world, for refugees and immigrants, for those caught in the violence of war and in the violence of poverty and injustice.  
*(silence)*

You who see beyond violence to peace, beyond heartache to hope, even beyond death to new life, grant us your vision and give us the courage to turn our dreams into the work of justice and peace.  
*(silence)*

Bless now by your Word and Spirit this bread and cup that they might become for us the embodiment of your love and hope for us and for this world. As you offer us these gifts, may we accept your call to offer our lives for the sake of your people and for your Creation.

We pray in the name of the One who gave us the miracle of this feast and who taught us to pray with boldness, courage and trust saying,

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

The Bread and the Cup

*(All are welcome to share in Communion. As your section is called, please come down the designated aisle, please come forward to receive the bread or a nongluten wafer. Then either dip the bread into the chalice or take one of the individual cups and return to your seat by the next aisle. Again, all are welcome!)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gifts of this table – bread, cup, the presence of Christ and communion with you. Through these gifts, you empower us to be the new community called to care for your creation. Send us now into your world with our eyes opened to see your beauty, our minds opened to know your wisdom, and our hearts opened to love this world as you love it. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT IN PEACE

\*Hymn 4

*Joyful, Joyful* (1-3)

Henry van Dyke/Hymn to Joy

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

*Joyful, Joyful*

Henry van Dyke/Hymn to Joy

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing, move we forward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads onward in the triumph song of life.*

## **WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!**

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Your presence enriches the experience of us all. We also invite you to join in our education and service offerings in the week ahead. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor; Michelle Schumann, Pianist/Director of Music; Diane Johnston, Guest Pianist; Dana Bender, Family Minister; the Drop-In Choir, directed by André Garcia-Nuthmann; Liturgists to be announced. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Marcia Gardner, Dana Hollifield, Gail Ansheles, Pam Hyde, and Karen Wilbanks; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeaut. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service with volunteer Frank Wilbanks.

### ***Kids United – Singing Through the Summer!***

Each week, children of all ages join Family Ministry Director Dana Bender as we sing our way through the summer—exploring prayer and our love for God, Neighbor, and Creation through music (and also tending the Children’s Garden).

### ***The Border Stories***

#### **Today’s Forum with Dr. Yolanda Leyva, University of Texas – El Paso**

We welcome Dr. Leyva, Chicana and Fronteriza historian, writer, and renowned Professor Emeritus of History and Director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at UTEP. She’ll focus on present immigrants’ oral histories from the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez and Borderlands communities. She’ll also share some of her own life experience in the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez region, and the climate now around immigration issues. It’s an honor to welcome her to United.

### **Praying in the Dirt and Feeding Hungry Families**

All produce from the Children’s Garden goes to the Santa Fe Food Depot to provide nutritious food to people throughout Northern New Mexico. You can help United kids feed other kids (and their parents) by volunteering to take a week of watering, weeding, or harvesting this summer. Sign up in Community Room or contact Dana Bender (602-570-9709).

### ***What Are Biblical Values? – Pretty Good Guys*** **Wednesday, June 10 – 10:30 am to 12:00 noon**

All men invited for a study of “What Are Biblical Values?” by John Collins. Books for purchase in Community Room.

### ***What Does the Bible Really Say about Forgiveness? – Zoom Study Group*** **This Thursday, June 11, 8:00 – 9:00 am (MDT)**

Join people from around the country for an in-depth look at what the Bible says about the challenging (and often confusing) topic of “forgiveness.” All welcome! To register, email [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### ***Adult Forum: “Lili Elbe” Love, Tolerance, and Otherness*** **Next Sunday, June 14 (11:15 am) with Desirée Mays**

The opera *Lili Elbe* (premiering this summer at the Santa Fe Opera) tells the deeply human story of this Danish artist and his devoted artist wife, Gerda Wegener, in the 1920s. Lili Elbe was one of the first recipients of gender-affirming surgery, seeking authenticity and affirmation of her true self. Desirée Mays recounts her life through Lili’s quotes and thoughts, accompanied by music from composer Tobias Picker’s score and images of Gerda’s art featuring Lili.

### ***Love in Action Arts Camp – United Church – Starts Next Week! (June 15-19, 9:00 to 3:00)***

United’s *Love in Action Arts Camp* is a fun and valuable day camp for elementary-age children to explore kindness, belonging, and caring for the earth through biblical stories, music, art, drama, photography, cooking, and more! **The \$125 registration includes lunch and snacks.** (Scholarships available.) Please register at [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Info: Director of Family Ministry Dana Bender ([unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com)).

### ***Get to Know Santa Fe – Study Group***

Interested in a study group on Santa Fe’s history, culture, and challenges? Let us know at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### ***Day Trip to Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum – Wednesday, July 1 – 7:30 am to 5:00 pm***

In 1864, the U.S. Army drove the Navajo/Diné people from their homeland in New Mexico and Arizona to Ft. Sumner in Bosque Redondo. The Long Walk of the Navajo is a hard truth of our nation’s history. The Wednesday before the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, United offers a day trip to the Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum. We’ll leave at 7:30 am, tour the museum and site, have lunch, then return. Sign up in Com. Room or at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). Info: Talitha Arnold.

### ***United’s Carbon Offset Program Addresses Climate Change***

Track car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and *Tree New Mexico*. Info: <https://www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care>.

### ***30-Voice Youth Choir, Opera Singers, and More Musically This Summer at United***

- Next Sunday, we welcome **Pianist Jacquelyn Helin** as Michelle is away and also Opera Apprentice Anna Kelly.
- On June 21, we welcome the **40-voice Matins Youth Choir** of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa!
- July 5, our **Outdoor Celebration of the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday** features American folk music, offered by the **United Pickers** (i.e., guitarists, mandolinists, and banjo players).