

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD
9th Sunday of Pentecost
and
Traditional Spanish Market Sunday**

July 26, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ**



For Reflection

The sunset was Jesus.

Middle-school student at an inner-city Catholic school in Detroit

WE GATHER

(As the Prelude starts, please enter a time of silent reflection and prayer. Also, please turn off your cell phone. Thank you.)

Prelude

*Spanish Dance No. 2
Cantemos al Amor de los amores*

Enrique Granados
Busca de Sagastizabal

*Introit

Circle of Life (2x)

Marty Haugen

***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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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

Circle of Life (1x)

Marty Haugen

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Cantemos al Creador

Carlos Rosas

The Call to Worship from Psalm 105 (congregation in bold)

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name; make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God's wonderful works.
Cantad a Dios, proclamad las maravillas de Dios.

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Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Cantad a Dios, proclamad las maravillas de Dios.

Seek the Lord and the strength of God, seek God's presence continually.

Cantad a Dios, proclamad las maravillas de Dios.

Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done, God's miracles and the judgments God uttered.

Cantad a Dios, proclamad las maravillas de Dios.

*Hymn

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Creator God We Sing (English verses)

Carlos Rosas

WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation

In your name, O Lord, we gather this day. Open us to your Spirit among us.

Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.

Give us voices to sing your praise and hearts to trust your presence.

Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.

Forgive us for the harm we have done and the good we have left undone.

Remind us always there is more wholeness in you than brokenness in us.

Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.

Fill us with your hope, feed us with your love, and guide us by your Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.

Then from this gathering, send us into your world that we might offer your love to others, strive for justice and peace, and respond to your word in our lives.

Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.

In a Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

*In Song

Santo, Santo, Santo

Argentina



¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

(During the song, children in grades K-5 are invited forward for a blessing then go to Kids United with Bruce Turnquist for music, prayer, and stories. Nursery care is also available throughout the service in the Nurture Center.)

Blessing of the Children

WE ENGAGE

Jesus' Parables from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13

El Evangelio de Mateo, capítulo 13

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. [Then] he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.... If you have ears, hear!"

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field... Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore."

Aquel mismo día, Jesús salió de la casa y se sentó a la orilla del mar... él subió a una barca y se sentó en ella, mientras toda la multitud permanecía en la playa. Y les habló de muchas cosas mediante parábolas, diciendo: "¡Escuchen! Un sembrador salió a sembrar... ¡El que tenga oídos, que oiga!"

Les propuso otra parábola: "El reino de los cielos es semejante a un grano de mostaza que alguien tomó y sembró en su campo... Asimismo, el reino de los cielos es semejante a una red que se echó al mar y recogió peces de toda clase; cuando estuvo llena, la sacaron a la orilla".

The Apostle Paul's Letters to New Christians (read in Spanish)

Romans 8:31-38

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God made known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

"El atardecer era Jesús" (The Sunset was Jesus)

Silence

Musical Response 44

Beautiful Jesus (vss. 1, 3-4)

Munster Gesangbuch/Silesian Folk Melody

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior

Creator God, creating still, your holy word brings forth our human words. *You* speak and there is creation—warm sunshine, refreshing rain, a cooling breeze, the smell of piñón and pine, and a world of wonder and enjoyment.

We speak and there is thanksgiving—praise to you for your nature, gratitude for gifts to us, adoration for your accessible holiness.

(silent prayer)

You speak and there is redemption—an invitation to confession, an assurance of forgiveness, an offer of purpose, an incarnation of love.

We speak and there is acceptance—we unload our guilt with a sigh, grasp your forgiveness with delight, unite with the incarnate Lord in commitment.

(silent prayer)

You speak and there is promise—words of comfort for grief, a calming peace for anxiety, hope to overcome despair, your presence for our loneliness.

We speak and there is faith—commitment to walk everywhere, even through the deep shadows, trust to take up the challenge of service, participation to strengthen the community of faith called the church.

(silent prayer)

Your holy word brings forth our human words, O God. Yours is the kingdom—ours, the service. Yours is the power—ours, the trust. Yours is the glory forever—ours, the joy of communion with you. We pray in the name of the Word who is both yours and ours—Jesus the Christ—who taught us to pray to you with boldness, courage, and trust, saying:

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Quiero Servirte Mi Señor

Lorenzo Florian/arr. M. Schumann

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn	402	<i>De Colores</i>	Mexican Traditional
*Benediction			
*Musical Benediction	402	<i>De Colores</i> (1 st Spanish)	Mexican Traditional

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. If you're visiting, please take a moment to fill out the yellow visitor card. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor; Michelle Schumann, Music Director/Pianist; Blanca Surgeon and Sheree Whitney, Liturgists. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Louise Cavatta, Blanca Surgeon, Tom Stewart, and Pam Hyde; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeaut. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service with audio volunteer Bill Whitney.

We welcome nationally acclaimed baritone Matthew Juhlin, who is widely recognized for his colorful timbre and exquisite musicianship. He recently received a B.M. in Voice at Missouri State University and has begun to pursue an M.M. in Voice at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. At MSU he performed as Robin Oakapple (*Ruddigore*), Don Alfonso (*Così fan Tutte*), and Simone (*Gianni Schicchi*). He also performed as a young artist with Ozarks Lyric Opera in roles such as Top (*The Tenderland*), Don Pizarro (*Fidelio*), and Masetto (*Don Giovanni*). Additionally, he has received multiple awards from the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), receiving 1st Place twice in his categories at the National NATS conference.

Kids United – Singing through the Summer!

Today, children join volunteer Bruce Turnquist 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). Nurture Center care for infants through Pre-k's offered by Tracy Church and Maria Navarette. (Family Minister Dana Bender is on vacation this week).

Adult Forum Today (11:15)
The Food Depot: What Is It? Why is Important? Who Does It Help?
And how can we help?

The Santa Fe Food Depot provides nutritious, free food to families, individuals, schools, health care facilities, and many other organizations all around northern New Mexico. We welcome Food Depot board member Mary Ferguson and Director of Development Randall Partin for an overview of one of United Church's partners that help us "love God by loving neighbor."

What Does the Bible Really Say about Forgiveness? – Zoom Study Group
Thursdays, 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.

Adult Forum – Next Sunday, August 2 – Two Opportunities

Dedication of the Revitalized Nurture Center

You're invited to check out our revitalized Nurture Center and join in a blessing for its use and for the children who will experience God's love within its walls. Thanks to Family Ministry Director Dana Bender and volunteers Tracy and Ed Church, the Nurture Center is spruced up for our youngest congregants!

Write Letters to Advocate for Immigrants

The Immigration Task Force invites you to join in a letter-writing forum, focused on urging our Congressional Representatives and national administration to close immigrant detention centers in our state and elsewhere and to work for actual immigration reform.

Blessing of Students and Educators – Sunday, August 9

On Sunday, August 9, we'll bless all students and educators (teachers, administrators, counselors, etc.) in both the 8:30 and 10:00 services! This is a wonderful time to wipe the slate clean (do kids know what a 'slate' is??) and set new goals for the new year! It's an exciting time and meaningful service. Come one and all!

Weekly Food Drive for The Food Depot

To help Santa Fe children in the final days of school and heading into the summer, we invite your donations of non-perishable food for the Food Depot. Every public school has their own "Food Pantry" that parents, youth, and children can use for weekends and summertime when school isn't in session.

Choral Scholars, Drop-in Choir, and Lots More Musically This Summer at United

We finish out the summer with:

- Choral Scholars **Javier Ortiz** next Sunday (August 2) and **Heather Lacy** on August 23.
- The **Drop-In Choir**, directed by **André Garcia-Nuthmann**, is **August 9**. All singers welcome to come at 9:00 to rehearse and offer an anthem in the 10:00 service. If you'd like to join, please let André know (unitedchurch.andregn@gmail.com).
- On **August 16**, we welcome back **Lavonne Yazzie**, Navajo/Diné singer and Cantor for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Albuquerque.
- **August 30**, Pianist/Music Director Michelle Schumann offers special piano music.

Mark your calendars and bring friends!

What Is Christian Nationalism (and Why Should We Care)?

Tune into a podcast from *Indivisible Santa Fe Radio* (rss.com/podcasts/indivisible-santa-fe-radio/2944308/) for Rev. Gary Kowalski's interview of Rev. Talitha Arnold on "The Rise of Christian Nationalism: What Is It and Why Should We Care?"

United Church Supports Earthquake Relief

Church World Service is on the ground in Venezuela to help in aftermath of the devastating earthquakes. Families and communities are in urgent need of lifesaving assistance to meet daily needs for food, clean water, shelter, and support to begin recovery. All donations for earthquake relief to United Church of Santa Fe go directly to CWS for this work. Please bring/send made out to United Church (memo: Earthquake Relief) or through United's website: unitedchurchofsantafe.org.

Love Creation!

Santa Fe River Cleanup – Saturday, August 8 (8:30-10:00 am)

Join us to care for our corner of Creation. Meet at where Closson St. ends at the Santa Fe River. We provide donuts, coffee, and trash bags. You bring a hat, sunscreen, and gloves. Please sign up in the Community Room, call 505-988-3295, or email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. All Creation thanks you!

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 the *Santa Fe Watershed Association* for their environmental advocacy and hands-on care for God's good earth and generations yet to come. (\$8/100 miles driven; \$8/3 hours in the air). Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care.

Compost Collection – It's a Miracle! (And it helps mitigate climate change.)

United contracts with Reunity Resources to turn compostable products (food waste, meat scraps, etc.) into rich, life-giving compost. Two ways you can help:

1. Please use the compost containers in the Community Room and education rooms for your coffee cups, napkins, or plates from the Fellowship Time or church meals. All those paper goods are compostable.
2. Get compostable garbage bags at church (**NO** standard plastic bags, please), fill at home, and bring back to put in the green bin by the Children's Garden. More things in compost bins means less in landfills.