

**A Service of the Word  
For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
and  
Spanish Market Sunday**

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

**July 28, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**For Reflection:**

Some of us have that empty-barrel faith. Walking around expecting things to run out. Expecting that there isn't enough air, enough water. Expecting that somebody is going to do you wrong. The God I serve told me to expect the best, that there is enough for everybody.

Bebe Moore Campbell, *Singing in the Comeback Choir*

**WE GATHER**

*(May the first note of the Prelude be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.  
Also, please hold applause throughout the worship service. All that is offered is offered to the glory of God.)*

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| Gathering Music                               | <i>Prelude in D-flat Major Op.28, No.15 ("Raindrop")</i>  | Frédéric Chopin     |
| *Introit                                      | <i>Alabaré (2x)</i><br><i>¡Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor!</i><br><i>¡Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor!</i><br><i>(Translation: Sing praise, sing praise to my Lord!)</i> | Mexican Traditional |
| Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts |   |                     |
| *Sharing God's Gifts and Regathering in Song  | <i>Alabaré (1x)</i>   | Mexican Traditional |
| Breathing in God's Gifts Again                |   |                     |
| Musical Call to Worship                       | 528<br><i>You Are the Seed</i><br><i>(Quiara Cortez sings the first Spanish verse.<br/>Then the congregation is invited to join on the first two English verses.)</i>               | Cesáreo Gabaraín    |
| The Call to Worship                           |   |                     |
|   | Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.<br>¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!<br><b>¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!</b>                                    |                     |
|   | Praise God, who gathers up fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities.<br><b>¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!</b>   |                     |
|   | Praise God, who laid the foundation of the earth and all the children of God shouted for joy!<br><b>¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!</b>  |                     |
|   | People of God, come. Shout for joy and sing your praise to God.   |                     |
| *Hymn   | 39<br><i>Cantemos al Creador</i><br><i>(1<sup>st</sup> English, 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish, 2<sup>nd</sup> English)</i>   | 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.**

### A Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God's Presence

\*A Song of Praise

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

Anon., Argentina

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major, 6/8 time, and the piano accompaniment is in the same key and time. The lyrics are: "¡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". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "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." The piano accompaniment continues with the same key and time signature.

## WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

From the Stories of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh

John 6:1-21 (cond.)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. . . . One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

A Dialogue Sermon

*The Abundant One*

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection *Pescador de hombres (You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)* Cesáreo Gabaraín  
(As soloist Quiara Cortez sings in Spanish, you are invited to follow along with the English version, hymn #173.)

**WE RESPOND**

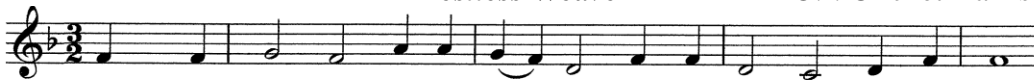
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (please pray any version)

**WE GO IN PEACE**

\*Hymn

*Restless Weaver*

O.I. Cricket Harrison/Beech Spring



1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha - lom;  
2. Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each bro - ken strand.  
3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,  
4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life now and yet to be



dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;  
Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.  
from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.  
bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:



gath - ering up life's var - ied fi - bers ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue:  
Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion of - fering health where once was pain  
Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare  
you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.



grant us your cre - a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.  
strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.  
live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.  
With your Reign of Peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

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\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

*Kyrie Eleison*

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

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**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](http://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; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Quiara Cortez, Soloist and Hymn Leader; Louise Cavatta, Liturgist; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez with volunteer Frank Wilbanks. You were greeted by Blanca Surgeon, Dave and Joan Doolittle, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

We welcome Rev. Brandon Johnson in both worship and the Sunday Forum this morning. An Ordained Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he has served First Christian Church in Burbank, California, since 2019. Brandon also served as Associate Minister with United Church of Santa Fe from 2008 to 2015, when he left to service First Christian Church in Lawton, Oklahoma. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, Brandon is known throughout the Disciples of Christ and his community for his work and witness to God's justice and grace. It is an honor and joy to welcome him back to United today.

***Who's Our Family? – People and Animals!  
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 check out the spiffed-up Nurture Center and learn about the artwork created by children and youth from Spanish Market. 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.

***Who is Jesus Christ? And Why Does It Matter?  
Today's Forum with Rev. Brandon Johnson***

As United looks to the future—and as the message, identity, and nature of Jesus Christ gets lots of press—who was Jesus Christ? Who is Jesus Christ for you? What difficulty do you have with Jesus? Christ? Jesus Christ? Or the name Christian? Why do such questions matter? It's a crucial conversation for a church to engage—plan to join in!

***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.

**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.

***IN THE WINGS THIS SUMMER . . .***

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the United Church of Santa Fe  
In-person and Live-streamed – Next 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. Annual Report available in Community Room.

***Next "Drop-in 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](mailto:unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com))

**All Church Family Supper and Water Fun  
Friday, August 16**

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](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). All ages welcome, too – whether or not you have kids!

**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](http://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](http://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, and then offer a community-wide presentation Monday evening, Sept. 16. Mark your calendars now!