

Words of Assurance

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Living God

Curtis Beach/Diademata

*Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous times, so full of hope and strife.
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of Life.*

WE ENGAGE

Wisdom from the Psalms of the Hebrews

A Psalm of David

The Lord Is My Light
(Please hold applause.)

Frances Allitsen/Psalm 27

*The Lord is my Light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of foes were laid against me
yet I will put my trust in God.
For in the time of trouble God will hide me
in the tabernacle!*

*Yeah, in the secret places of the holy dwelling
shall God hide me.
And set me up on a Rock of Stone
"The Lord is my Light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?"*

Another Psalm of David

Psalm 30

A Song at the Dedication of the Temple

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those
gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
For the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Sermon

Girded for Gladness

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response

God, We Gather as Your People (insert)

David Lohman

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(Please pray a version of the Lord's prayer familiar to you.)*

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

- *Hymn 419 *Now Thank We All Our God* Martin Rinkart/Nun Danket
- *Benediction
- *Musical Benediction *Kyrie Eleison* (3x) Ukrainian Orthodox Chant
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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 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 Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Guest Pianist Jacquelyn Helin, D.M.A.; Song Leader Yasmeen Lookman; George Duncan and Robert Glick Liturgists; and Elijah Marquez, Social Media Coordinator, with assistance from volunteer Frank Wilbanks. You were greeted by Rosemary Thompson, Dave and Joan Doolittle, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

We also welcome Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Garrett Evers, tenor, as our guest soloist this Sunday. Back for his second year with the SF Opera, he sings the part of Gastone in *La Traviata* and also as Waiter 1 in *Der Rosenkavalier*. This fall, he joins Mascarade Opera's Florence-based emerging artist program. His training also includes Palm Beach Opera's Bailey Apprentice Artist Program 2023/24. We're glad he's joined us for worship this morning and wish him all the best in his vocation.

Guest Pianist and Steinway Artist Jacquelyn Helin was Music Director at United for 17 years. She retired in 2022 to focus on playing concerts, traveling with her husband, and climbing mountains. Her sold-out spring Renesan lecture-recital on Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* will be repeated this fall on September 26, Gershwin's birthday.

WHO'S OUR FAMILY?

Children's Ministry This Summer

Every Sunday, United's kids explore different perspectives on "Who's Our Family?" As Jesus welcomed and helped people of all backgrounds, we're called to do the same. Last week, the kids made cards for United's LGBTQ+ members and friends. This week, they learn how Jesus cared for people who were sick or lonely, and they also offer their care. The kids start worship, and then go tend the Children's Garden and gather in the Nurture Center for a story and project. All welcome!

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.

Sunday Forums This Summer

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

Today – Inez Gomez, Opinion Editor of *The New Mexican* (11:15 am)

We welcome Inez Gomez, a native New Mexican and Opinion Editor of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* to offer her perspectives on Santa Fe, its challenges and opportunities.

July 7 – Pretty Good Guys' Really Good Pancake Breakfast and Fundraiser for Ruidoso/Mescalero Apache Fire Relief

United's Pretty Good Guys welcome everyone to enjoy darn good pancakes, sausage, & orange juice. No charge, but we welcome your free-will offerings for Fire Relief.

July 14 – *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. See how the Christian story is shared by artists from around the world and also reflective of this corner of creation.

July 21 – City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Santa Fe native Carol Romero-Wirth is the long-time City Councilor from United's district.

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!

Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls – Thursdays 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.

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!

Summer 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 Night" at Fuego Baseball Game!

Sunday, July 21 — 5:30 pm (sign up by Wednesday, July 17)

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 at church or email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. Friends welcome!

God, We Gather as Your People

David Lohman



1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free; and we
3. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and wide can



dare to claim the prom - ise of your love. Though the day may not yet
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be, that they nev - er have a
live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride. As they grow in strength and



be here, we trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
rea - son to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
stat - ure, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be



room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side For in God there is a wel - come, in



God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.