

**A Service of Word and Sacrament
for
The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide
and the Sunday before Memorial Day
and
THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE'S 45TH BIRTHDAY!**

May 25, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

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

For Reflection:

*A vision without a task is but a dream;
a task without a vision is drudgery.
But a vision and a task together is the hope of the world.*

WE GATHER

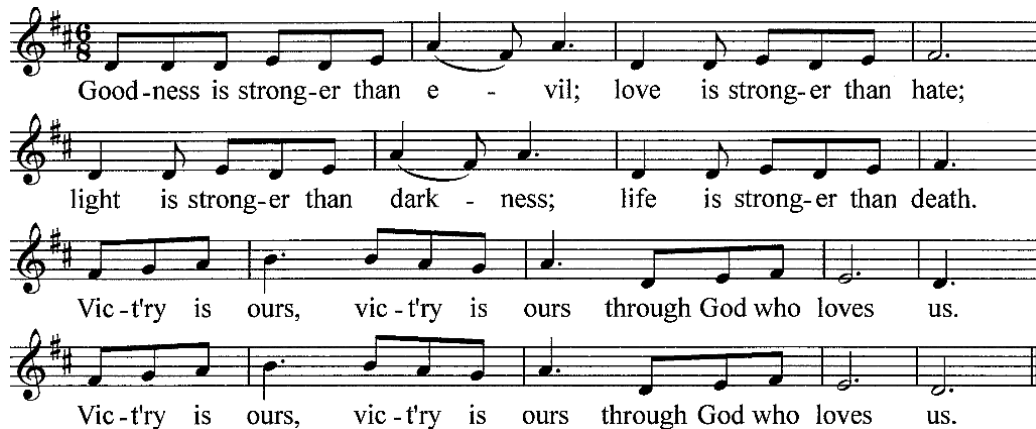
Gathering Music

*Nocturne
Simple Gifts*

Edvard Grieg
Aaron Copland

*Introit

***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* (2x)** Archbishop Desmond Tutu/John Bell
*(*Please rise in body or spirit.)*



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Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

Sharing God's Good News ***Christ is Risen ! Risen indeed!*** ***Beauty is restored! Restored indeed!***

Regathering ***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* (1x)** Tutu/Bell

Welcoming of Visitors and Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship ***Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*** Hans Brorson

The Call to Worship from Psalm 67 (cong. bold)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.
Give thanks to God and sing praise to the One who loves us and calls us to love this world.

*Hymn 394 ***In Christ There Is No East or West* (1-3)** Harry T. Burleigh/McKee

WE PREPARE

*A Prayer for Peace (unison)

George Appleton

We pray for peace
in our hearts, in our homes,
in our nations, in our world,
the peace of your will,
the peace of our need. Amen.

*Time of Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Grace

*Our Song of Praise

In Christ There Is No East or West

Harry T. Burleigh/McKee

*In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North,
One joyous true community, throughout the whole wide earth.*

(During the song, children are invited to the Children's Garden with Education Aides Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz.)

WE ENGAGE

The Revelation of John of Patmos

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

And in the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. . .

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and God's servants will worship the Lord; they will see God's face, and the name of the Lord will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hymn 597

Shall We Gather at the River? (st. 1-2, 4)

Robert Lowry/Hanson Place

Sermon

For the Healing of the Nations

Silent Reflection

Musical Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Tom Trenney

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(please pray any version)*

Presenting Our Offering 571

O God of Love, O God of Peace

Henry W. Baker

(After the last verse, we repeat the first verse, rising in body or spirit as the offering is brought forward.)

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

We thank you, God, for the gift of our lives and of this country. Help us to remember your generosity and do your will. Bless our nation and its leaders with your spirit of truth, compassion, and justice.

God of all mercy and hope, may the memories of war strengthen our efforts for peace. May the memories of those who died inspire our service to the living. May the memory of past destruction move us to build for the future. Hear our prayer, O God of Peace. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn

America the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates/Materna

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie eleison. *Christe eleison.* *Kyrie eleison.*

Ukrainian Orthodox (c. 9th century)

Welcome to the United Church of Santa Fe!

We're glad you have joined us for the Sixth Sunday of Easter and invite you to join in the life and ministry of United in the coming weeks. For information, please call the church office (505-988-3295) or go to our website (unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Again, welcome and blessings for the 50 Days of Eastertide.

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Minister; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Dr. Michelle Schumann, Pianist; Blanca Surgeon and Dusty Caruso Liturgists; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez, with volunteer Audio Tech Frank Wilbanks. You were welcomed by Blanca Surgeon, Louise Cavatta, Don Duncan, and Pam Hyde (organized by Diane Darby).

GARDENS AND WORMS AND COMPOST (OH, MY!)

Kids United Dig Deep

The children are tending their garden and also learning the Parable of the Sower and the Seed. Led today by Children's Aides Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz. All welcome and bring friends. ☺

Today Is United's 45th Birthday!

We've moved the full celebration to September 14 to give time for planning a really big bash—but today on our official 45th Birthday, stay for a special fellowship time!

***Changing Lenses, Changing Lives* – Adult Forum, Sunday, June 1 (11:15 am)**

We welcome Wyclif Gitonga, Executive Director of the “Changing Lenses, Changing Lives” program in Kenya. A colleague of United member Jenn Wynne, he'll share the work of this non-profit that is committed to ensure that children in developing countries have basic welfare and education needs met through funding projects and individual sponsorships.

LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR

More info at unitedchurchofsantafe.org.

***Be the Light—SÉ LA LUZ* One Great Hour of Sharing**

United invites your support of *One Great Hour of Sharing*, the national United Church of Christ offering to support refugee resettlement, disaster relief, food and small farmer programs around the world and in the U.S. Gifts can also be designated specifically for particular emergencies (e.g., Global food or medical relief, emergency needs for fire/tornado victims or refugees on the U.S./Mexico border). Donate online unitedchurchofsantafe.org, memo: OGHs. Today is the final day to give. Thank you!

Summer Drive for the Food Depot

The Food Depot supplies schools, shelters, and agencies around Northern New Mexico with healthy food year-round. Bring any (or all) items to church: jumbo-size containers of canned vegetables/fruit, family-size packages of rice, pasta, beans and especially high-protein foods (dried beans, canned meats, chili con carne, soups); baby foods (powdered formula, cereal, jars of baby food); diapers. Monetary donations also welcome. Make checks to United Church (memo: Food Depot) or go online to unitedchurchofsantafe.org. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP/STUDY GROUPS

Pretty Good Guys Starting a New Book Study Wednesday, May 28 (10:30 am)

Join with other United men to engage books that challenge and encourage us in our journeys of life and faith. All welcome! (Talitha Arnold, 505-988-3295)

“Faith and Resilience” Bible Study Group Thursdays via Zoom (8:00 am)

Join this weekly Zoom study to deepen your faith and share the journey. People tune in from all around the country. Sign up at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

LOVE GOD, LOVE CREATION

Compost Collection – It's a Miracle!

United contracts with Reunity Resources to transform compostable products (food waste, meat scraps, etc.) into rich, life-giving compost. Pick up compostable garbage bags at the church (NO standard plastic bags, please), fill them 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. Thanks! Questions? Contact Melanie Lohmann (505-617-0700).

Planning Your Summer Travels? Offset Your Carbon Use & Care for Creation

United's “Carbon Offset Program” helps plant trees and change policies to address climate change. It's simple to do: track your car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to support *Tree New Mexico's* hands-on tree planting and *NM Interfaith Power and Light's* advocacy. Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care. Questions? Contact Larry Rasmussen (505-231-0993).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP . . .

Talitha Arnold Co-hosts KSFR Program on Veterans Memorial Day – May 26 – 6:00 pm

With co-host Jim Falk, Talitha Arnold interviews Marine Major General James Williams (ret.) and Commander William Jennings of the New Mexico Chapter of the American Legion for their assessments of the impact of recent federal “DOGE” cuts in on the Department of Veterans Affairs, for veterans' health and other needs.

Benefit Supper at Jambo Café Wednesday, May 28 for *Changing Lenses, Changing Lives*

Join *Changing Lenses, Changing Lives* (CLCL) at Jambo Café anytime 5:00 – 9:00 pm on Wed., May 28. Chef and Owner Ahmed Obo will generously contribute a percentage of the evening's guest bills to CLCL's school feeding program in Kenya. CLCL is a nonprofit founded by member Jenn Wynne. Come enjoy a meal and support a great cause!

Summer Drop-in Choirs

All singers invited to United's Summer “Drop-in Choirs” **Pentecost Sunday (June 8)** and **Sundays July 20 and August 10**. Come at **9:00 am** to rehearse and sing in the 10:00 service. Interested? Contact Director of Music Brad Ellingboe (unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com).

“United Church Night” at Fuego Baseball Game!

Sunday, June 8—5:30 pm (sign up by Wed., June 4)

Cheer on Santa Fe's hometown baseball team, the Fuegos! We're sponsoring the game: we throw out the first pitch, meet the players, get discounted tickets, and have United highlighted all through the game. Tickets are \$6 (33% off!) and families with kids are free. Help underwrite family tickets by including a donation with your ticket purchase. Sign up by email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com or at church. Friends welcome, of course!