A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
for
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

November 1, 2026
10:00 A.M.

God is already here.

For Reflection:

On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own.

The Sacred Journey by Frederick Buechner (1926-2022)

Welcome to the United Church Santa Fe

(May the first note of the Prelude be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.)

Gathering Music *Blest Are They* from *German Requiem* Johannes Brahms/arr. Theodor Kirchner

*Congregational Introit ***When the Saints Go Marchin' In*** African American

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in; Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marchin' in!

Oh, when the sun begins to shine. . .

Blessing and Sharing of our Life and Ministry

"Building Hope for the Future" Campaign for United 2027

*Sharing God's Blessings *"May the Spirit be with you, Saint _____!"*

*Regathering in Song ***When the Saints Go Marchin' In*** African American

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in; Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marchin' in!

Welcoming All and Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship *Be Now My Vision* David Evans

The Call to Worship **(congregation bold)**

Come, give thanks to God for all the saints! The famous ones and the unknown ones, the ones who did great deeds and the ones who lived ordinary lives of courage and hope. *¡Gracias a Dios por todos santos!*

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Come, give thanks for all the saints! The young ones and old ones, the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones.

¡Gracias a Dios por todos santos!

Come, give thanks for all the saints! The ones who have gone before us and the ones we meet every day, the ones whose names are written in the pages of history and those written in the depths of our hearts.

¡Gracias a Dios por todos santos!

Come, people of God, give thanks for all the saints and pray that in this time of worship, we may hear God's call and receive God's blessing of hope, courage, and love in our lives to be the saints God calls ***<u>us</u>*** to be.

*Hymn 25 ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** (1-3) Isaac Watts/St. Anne

WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation for All Saints Day

God, we are surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses who have gone before us,
those who have loved where we would have hated,
those who have healed where we would have hurt,
those who have spoken out when we would have remained silent.
God, may we walk in their footsteps,
learning courage from their sacrifice, gaining strength from their faithfulness.
May we learn to give so that others may receive,
to love so that others may be set free, to die to ourselves so that others might live.
God, help us join that cloud of faithful witnesses,
treading paths of loving obedience and leaving footprints that others desire to walk in.
May we too live your life of justice and mercy. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

*Song of Praise ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** Isaac Watts/St Anne

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!

Blessing of the Children 293 ***Sweet, Sweet Spirit*** Doris Akers
(After the song, the children go to *Kids United*. They'll return for Communion.)

WE ENGAGE

From the Good News of Jesus Christ Gospel of Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are those who know their need of God, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the clear in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Sermon *Blessed Are the Hope-filled*

A Time of Silent Reflection
(If you choose, please write the names of people (aka "saints) who taught you something about hope and generosity. Place it in the offering plate as it is passed.)

Musical Response ***By and By*** Charles Albert Tindley

By and by, when the morning comes,
All the saints of God come gathering home,
And we'll tell the story how we overcome,
And we'll understand it better, by and by.

WE RESPOND

Presenting Our Offering

Offertory *Hope Lingers On* Lissa Schneckenburger/arr. Andrea Ramsey

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Gift of Communion

Telling the Story

Giving Thanks and Welcoming All

Kindred and friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. At this table, God invites us to receive new life and abundant love.

We come to be renewed by God's spirit and transformed by God's love.

Out of love, God called the world into being. Out of love, God formed us from the dust of the earth.

And with love, God transforms ordinary bread, a common cup, and our lives into gifts of new life.

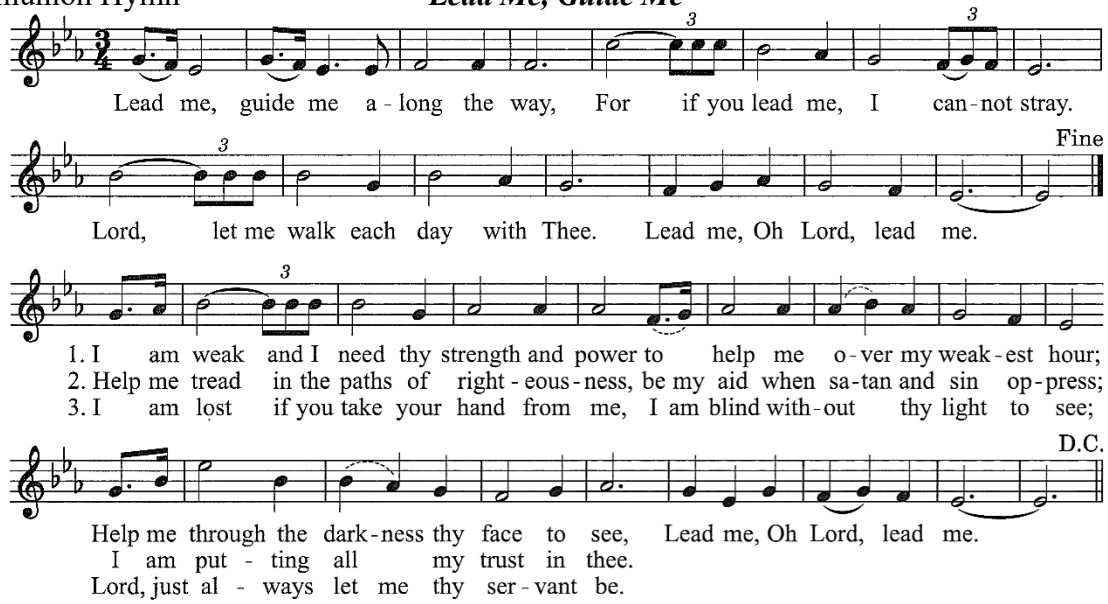
Therefore let us keep this feast. Let us welcome and love one another, as God welcomes and loves us.

The Prayer of Blessing and the Lord's Prayer *(please pray any version)*

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(All are welcome to share in Communion. As your section is called, please come down the designated aisle, receive the bread and either dip it into the chalice or take a small cup, returning to your seat by the next aisle. Either partake immediately or wait until all are served. For a non-gluten wafer, please let the server know. Again, all are welcome!)

Communion Hymn ***Lead Me, Guide Me*** Doris Akers



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, that through this bread, cup, and the blessing of your Spirit, you have given us the gift of new life. Let that same Spirit lead us into your world in courage and peace. Guide our feet and shape our lives that we might be the saints, pilgrims, and disciples you call us to be. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn	299	***For All the Saints*** (1-4)	William How/Sine Nomine
*Benediction			
*Musical Benediction	299	***For All the Saints*** (v. 5)	William How/Sine Nomine

***Soli Deo Gloria*—To God Alone the Glory.**

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We hope you'll also join in the fellowship time after the service. Visiting today? Welcome! Please fill out the yellow "visitors card." That helps us be a more welcoming congregation – and we promise not to inundate you with emails ☺. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership in this morning's service are the Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Minister; Dana Bender, Family Ministry Director; Michelle Schumann, Music Director and Pianist; John Tiranno, Choir Director; the United Choir; June Yoder, Liturgist; and Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were welcomed by Marcia Gardner, Beth Cionek, Frank Cionek, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeault.

TODAY AT UNITED

Kids United

1st through 5th Graders are invited to ***Kids United*** where they explore ways to remember our loved ones through traditions like All Saints Day and *Día de los Muertos,* make paper flowers for their *ofrenda*, and place pictures of their loved ones on the *ofrenda.*

Adult Forum: *Who's in Your Cloud? Saints We Have Known and Loved* (11:15 am)

The Bible tells of the "great cloud of witnesses" whose faith and hope have help us keep the faith, too. On this All Saints Sunday, who has blessed your life? Taught you about the faith? Stood by you in good times and hard? This special forum is a time to remember our "saints" – and learn about the saints of others. All welcome!

ALSO COMING UP THIS WEEK

United Church Open for Prayers for Our Nation and the World
Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 3

The Sanctuary will be open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday and Tuesday (Election Day). You are welcome to come for a time of personal prayer for our country and all people.

Wednesday Women's Study Group – This Wednesday (10:00 to 11:30)

We read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. All welcome! Info: Cheryl Morton (mommorton@gmail.com, 515-240-4523) or Jenn Wynne (home@wynnes.us, 817-219-0707).

The Sanctuary Choir Welcomes You!

Like to sing—and with others? Then sing with the choir. They rehearse Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and sing Sunday mornings in the 10:00 service (with a 9:00 rehearsal before the service). Please contact Choir Director John Tiranno or Music Director Michelle Schumann (unitechurch.john@gmail.com; unitedchurch.michelle@gmail.com).

***Forgiveness: What does the Bible say and why is it so hard?* – Thursday, at 8:00 am (via Zoom)**

People tune in from around the country. You're invited, too. Contact unitedchurchsf@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

***Welcoming New Members* – Next Sunday, November 8**

If you'd like to "officially" join United, please speak with Talitha Arnold or Discipleship Chair Diane Darby. Thank you!

Next Sunday, November 8 – Two Forums (11:15 am)

When the Holidays Are Different

For all their joy, Thanksgiving and the Christmas season can be challenging, especially after a death, divorce, or other loss. They're also hard if we can't meet our children's—or others'—expectations. Join in this discussion and get resources to prepare for this holiday season.

The Church's Budget: What's in It—and Where Does It Come from?

United's volunteer Stewardship and Finance Team share how United's budget supports our values as a church—where the money goes and where it comes from. All welcome!

Love God by Loving Our Neighbors (and keeping them warm this winter)
Clothing and Blanket Drive

Clean out your closets and bring new and gently used jackets, sweaters, hats, mittens, and blankets to the Church. They'll go to St. Elizabeth and Casa Familia Shelters, Interfaith Community Services, and Nava Elementary School. Kids can help, too—with outgrown jackets, etc. You can also make a financial donation by check (please memo: "Clothing/Blankets") or at unitedchurchofsantafe.org. Spread the word to neighbors and friends and invite them to join in using the Church as a central clearing house makes donating easy!

You can also lend a hand sorting and delivering. Please email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com or call 505-988-3295 to say you'll help! Thank you!!

Tour Santa Fe's *Food Depot* – Tuesday, Nov. 10 – 9:30 am

Last year, The Food Depot's hunger-relief programs and partner agencies distributed *10 million pounds* of food across Northern New Mexico. Join United's tour of the Depot on Tuesday, Nov. 10 and find out how they do it! (And what we can do to help.) Sign up at church or at 505-988-3295.

Save the Date – Family Game Night is coming! – Friday, December 4 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Come one, come all! This is an intergenerational evening of lasagna, hygiene pack assembling, and game playing! RSVP by December 1 to Dana Bender (unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com) or to the church office (unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

***Moses and Jesus Go to the Movies* – Renesan Series with Talitha Arnold**
10:00 am Thursdays – Nov. 12 & 19



American authors and movie directors have drawn upon both Jewish and Christian scriptures for themes, plots, and scenes. Through short readings, film clips, and visual art, Talitha Arnold explores the impact of ancient sacred texts on U.S. movies, particularly Melville's *Moby Dick* and Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*. Info/Registration: renesan.org/moses-and-jesus-go-to-the-movies/.