

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
for
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**August 4, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

For Reflection

May God who called our forebears Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar to journey into the unknown, and guarded them, and blessed them, may God protect us too and bless our journey. May God's confidence support us as we set out, may God's spirit be with us on the way, and may God lead us back to our home in peace. Those we love, we commend to God's care, God is with them, we shall not fear. As for ourselves, may God's presence be our companion, so that blessing comes to us, and to everyone we meet.

Blessed are you, God, your presence journeys with your people.

From the Jewish tradition

WE GATHER

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

Gathering Music

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

*Introit

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American

*(*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

*Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us praise God together on our knees

Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

*Sharing God's Gifts and Regathering in Song

Let Us Break Bread Together (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren/Dove of Peace

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love, in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

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The Call to Worship from The United Church Statement of Faith (**congregation bold**)

You have called us into your church, O God,

To accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

To serve you in serving the entire human family,

To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,

To share in Christ's baptism and eat at Christ's table, to join in Christ's passion and victory.

In gratitude we accept your call, praise your holy name, and testify to your loving deeds.

Let us sing to God!

*Hymn

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My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

Thomas T. Lynch/Swiss Melody

WE PREPARE

*In A Prayer of Invocation

God of grace, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness,
you have brought us forth from the womb of your being
and breathed into us the breath of life.

**We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you.
Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ.
May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them," be fulfilled in us.**

Make us a joyful company of your people
so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise
and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

*In a Time of Silent Prayer

*In the Affirmation of Grace

*Our Song of Praise

From All That Dwell Below the Sky

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung! Let God the Spirit free each tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(During the song, children are invited to Children's Ministry. They return for Communion.
Children may also stay with their parents, and if they like, check out the "Pray Room" at the back of the Sanctuary.)*

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

From the History of the Hebrews (cong. bold)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-16

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, **"If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, **"What is it?"** For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'"

Hymn 18

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer (1-2)

William Williams/Cwm Rhondda

Sermon

Ponder the Hessed (Steadfast Love) of God

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Mary A. Lathbury/William Sherman

WE RESPOND

Sharing the Gift of Communion

Remembering the Story

Welcoming One Another and Giving Thanks to God

This table is open to all who seek to know God's love and to follow in Christ's way of hope and justice.
We come to this table not because we must,

but because we may.

We come not because we are fulfilled,

but because we stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.

We come not to express an opinion,

but to seek a presence.

This meal is offered for you and me that we might again know that in Jesus Christ God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling all creation to our Creator. Let us come to know God's steadfast love in our lives.

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

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Communion is open to all. As called, please come forward to receive the bread or non-gluten wafer. Then either take an individual cup or dip the bread into the chalice and return to your seat by the next aisle. Thank you!)

Communion Hymns *(congregation)*

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm/William Runyan

366

God of Our Life

Hugh T. Kerr/Sandon

425

For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green/Welsh Melody

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, Holy God, we give you thanks that you have renewed us at your table with your gifts of bread, cup, and transforming love. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Jeffrey Rowthorn/Hyfyrdol



1. Lord, you give the Great Com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."
3. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the end."



Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion and the Gos - pel go un - heard.
That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for each.
Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend.



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
Give us all new fer - vor; draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
And, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

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. 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; Diane Johnston, Guest Pianist; Steven Kerchoff, Soloist; Sam and Molly Elkind Liturgists and Readers; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez. You were greeted by Blanca Surgeon, Louise Cavatta, Diane Darby, Pam Hyde, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

44th Annual Meeting of the United Church of Santa Fe In-person and Live-streamed – Today 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.

Who's Our Family? – All Creation! 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. After tending the Children's Garden, United's kids explore United's flowers, bushes, birds, and bugs to see how they see God. They return for Communion. All kids and grandkids 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.

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 – Thursday, Aug. 8 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.

Drop-in Choir – Next Sunday, August 11

It's our last "Drop-in Choir" for the summer (before the Sanctuary Choir resumes on Fiesta Sunday, September 8). All singers (youth and adults) are invited to come at 9:00 next Sunday to rehearse a simple anthem and then sing in the 10:00 service. (Bradley Ellingboe, unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com)

Adult Forum – Next Sunday, August 11 (11:15)

Christus St. Vincent President & CEO Lillian Montoya Vice President for Community Kathy Armijo Etre

Continuing our Sunday Forum series, "What's Up? What's Ahead: Santa Fe Today and Tomorrow," we welcome two leaders of Christus St. Vincent Hospital, Lillian Montoya and Kathy Armijo Etre for their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities ahead for the hospital and Santa Fe health care.

All Church Family Supper and Water Fun Friday, August 16 (5:30 – 7:00 pm)

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. All ages welcome, too – whether or not you have kids!

Blessing of Students and Educators – Sunday, August 25

It's hard to believe but public school starts this Friday, and other schools start later. At United, we take time to recognize all our students and educators in a variety of settings. Whether you're a teacher, counselor, middle schooler, kindergartener, parent, or any other role in education, please know your church community holds you in prayer throughout the year ahead.

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 Food (and Finance) 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!