

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
for
INDIAN MARKET SUNDAY**

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

**August 18, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

For Reflection

You will know it. When the eye of the sacred looks your way. When a new insight into truth enters your mind. When love seems to fill your heart in beauty and tenderness. You will know it: for the unmistakable handprint of Spirit will be visible in your life and the deep compassion of all that is holy will be wrapped about you like a shawl of stars.

Steven Charleston
Choctaw Elder and Retired Episcopal Bishop

WE GATHER

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

Gathering Music

I Love to Tell the Story

William Fischer/arr. Phillip Keveren

*Congregational Introit

Circle of Life (2x)

Marty Haugen

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

***One great circle of life, living circle of love, plants and trees, seas and rivers, and the blessed sky above,
Creatures great, creatures small, one the web that weaves us all, in the circle of life.***

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Welcome and Sharing Our Life and Ministry

Breathing in God's Gifts and Blessing of Students and Educators (**unison**)

(from a prayer by Rev. William Sloane Coffin, former Yale University Chaplain)

**May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
grace to risk something big for something good;
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love.**

**So, may God take your minds and think through them;
may God take your lips and speak through them;
may God take your hearts and set them on fire.**

Go with our blessing. Amen

*Sharing the Gifts and Regathering in Song

Circle of Life (1x)

Marty Haugen

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Heleluyan

Muscogee Sacred Tradition

The Call to Worship from the Tewa Sacred Tradition (**congregation bold**)

O our Mother the earth, O our Father the sky:
Your children are we and we bring you our lives.

Then weave for us a garment of brightness.

May the warp be the white light of morning, may the weft be the red light of evening.

May the fringes be the falling rain, may the border be the standing rainbow.

Thus weave for us a garment of brightness

That we may walk fittingly where birds sing,

That we may walk fittingly where the grass is green.

O our Mother the earth, O our Father the sky.

*Hymn

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God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale (1-4)

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Roeder

WE PREPARE

*In A Prayer of Invocation from the Ute Sacred Tradition (**congregation in bold**)

Earth teach us stillness . . . **as the grasses are stilled with light.**
Earth teach us suffering . . . **as old stones suffer with memory.**
Earth teach us courage . . . **as the tree which stands all alone.**
Earth teach us limitation . . . **as the ant which crawls on the ground.**
Earth teach us freedom . . . **as the eagle which soars in the sky.**
Earth teach us resignation . . . **as the leaves which die in the fall.**
Earth teach us regeneration . . . **as the seed which rises in the spring.**
Earth teach us to forget ourselves . . . **as melted snow forgets its life.**
Earth teach us to remember kindness . . . **as dry fields weep with rain.**

*In a Time of Silent Prayer

*In the Affirmation of Grace

*Our Song of Praise

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Roeder

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does your creature say Love? How does your creature say Peace?*

*God of the Ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How does your creature say Joy? How does your creature say Home?*

*(During the song, children are invited to Children's Ministry. 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**)

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then King David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "**You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?**"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Hymn 451

Be Now My Vision (1-2, 4)

Ancient Irish Text/Slane

Reflection

The Power of Wisdom

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WE RESPOND

Sharing Our Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (*please pray any version*)

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn 433

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth/Promise

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

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!

Blessing of Students, Parents, and Educators

It's hard to believe but school is starting. At United, we take time to recognize—and bless—all our students and educators in a variety of settings. United's 36 children, youth, and college freshman we bless this morning represent 6 different colleges, and 18 different Santa Fe schools (9 public, 4 private, 3 charter, and 2 international magnet). That presents some unique challenges for children's and youth ministry in these times.

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; Yasmeen Lookman Soloist and Hymn Leader; Karen Wilbanks and Rev. Ken Bordner, Liturgists; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez. You were greeted by Louise Cavatta, Char and Bruce Cebell, Pam Hyde, Karen Wilbanks, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

We also welcome Santa Fe Opera Apprentice mezzo-soprano Shannon Keegan as our guest this morning. She grew up in Naperville, Illinois and now resides in Germany with her Siamese cat. An alumna of Rice University and University of Cincinnati CCM, Ms. Keegan recently finished her time as a studio artist with the Staatsoper Stuttgart and has been seen as Cherubino in *Le nozze di Figaro*, Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*, and Die Schwester in the world premiere of *Dora* all at Staatsoper Stuttgart. Coming up, Shannon will debut at the Glyndebourne Festival, Bayerische Staatsoper, and Royal Opera House. At the Santa Fe Opera this summer, Shannon is responsible for covering Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier*. Please extend your thanks after the service!

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. All kids and grandkids welcome! For those children who wish to stay in the Sanctuary with their parents, please check out the "Pray-Ground" in the Library corner.

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.

United's Sacred Native American Art

On Indian Market Sunday, take time between the services or after the 10:00 service to see sacred art from Pueblo, Navajo/Diné, Apache, and many other Native American traditions.

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.

Talitha Arnold will be away from tomorrow (Monday, Aug. 19 to this Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 21) to visit long-time friend and colleague, Rev. Joan Forsberg, who is under hospice care in California. Should a pastoral emergency arise in Talitha's absence, please call the church office (505-988-3295) or the Caregiver on Call (Dusty Pruitt, 302-393-3265).

Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls – Thursday, Aug. 22 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.

Support Santa Fe's Shelters – This Friday and Following Monday

United Church provides full dinners monthly to Santa Fe Shelters. Join in “Chop and Grate” this Friday (August 23) at 9:30 to prepare casseroles for the Interfaith, Casa Familia, and St. Elizabeth Shelters and/or make meatloaves at home and/or help deliver on Monday, August 26. Please contact Pat Roach to help: proach102@comcast.net; 505-988-7357.

“Get to Know United!”

Next Sunday, August 25 – 11:15 am

Like to learn more about the United Church of Santa Fe and the United Church of Christ? Come to next Sunday's Newcomers' Gathering after the 10:00 service. It's a chance to find out about United and meet new friends. To RSVP, please contact Office Administrator Lin Raymond (unitedchurchsf@gmail.com), Discipleship Development Chair Diane Darby (816-260-0127), Rev. Talitha Arnold, or sign up in the Community Room.

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”). Deadline for donations is Sunday, Sept. 22. Thank you!

IN THE WINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7:00 pm

The Sanctuary Choir resumes its regular rehearsal schedule Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm and begins singing in the 10:00 service Sunday, September 8 with warmup at 9:00 am. For more information, please contact Director of Music Brad Ellingboe: unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com.

Wednesday Women's Study Group Starts Sept. 4 at 10:00 am with quite a reading list!

The Wednesday Women's Study Group meets through May 2025 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 10:00 to 11:30 am. They're reading lots of good books over the next nine months. You're invited to join in! (*The Making of Biblical Womanhood* by Beth Allison Barr and *Lost Birds* by Anne Hillerman are the first two books.) For information, please contact Cheryl Morton (515-240-4523, mommorton@gmail.com) or Jenn Wynn (817-219-0707, home@wynnes.us).

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 to find out more!

Palestinian/Israeli Visitors from *Roots* – September 15 and 16 at United

This fall, United welcomes the founders of “Roots” a Palestinian/Israeli initiative for understanding, nonviolence, and transformation 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.

Palestinian activist Noor A'wad and Orthodox Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger will be our guests in the **10:00 Sunday, Sept. 15, Worship Service, followed by the 11:15 Sunday Forum.**

On **Monday evening, Sept. 16**, Rabbi Schlesinger and Mr. A'wad offer a community-wide presentation, 7:00 pm. (Mandatory pre-registration by Friday, Sept. 13 for this event: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/rootspresentation.)

Also, if you'd like to help with logistics for the *Roots* events (transportation, greeting and checking in attendees for the Monday evening presentations, etc.), please let Talitha know.

Award-winning Author Anne Hillerman

Wednesday, September 18 – 10:00 am

Wednesday Women's Study Invite YOU to join in!

The Women's Study Group is reading Anne Hillerman's latest Manuelito-Leaphorn-Chee mystery, *Lost Birds*, this fall. Thanks to Anne's friendship with Talitha Arnold, she is coming to United on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and the Study Group invites the United community to join in the conversation and book signing. All welcome!

Care for Creation and Offset Your Carbon Use

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 *Tree New Mexico* and *NM Interfaith Power and Light*. Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care.

