

A Service of the Word
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
January 29, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
The United Church of Santa Fe
A United Church of Christ

For Reflection:

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Prophet Micah, 6:8

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

*Introit

Come, All You People (2x)
(*Please rise in body or spirit.)

Alexander Gondo/Uyai Mose

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker. Come now and worship the Lord.***

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Words of Welcome and Sharing our Life and Ministry

Breathing in God's Gifts

*Sharing and Regathering

Come, All You People (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Brighter Than the Sun (excerpt)

John Helgen

The Call to Worship

Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair. ¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!

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Praise God, who gathers up the fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities.

¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!

Praise God, who laid the foundation of the earth and all the children of God shouted for joy!

¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!

People of God, come. Shout for joy and sing your praise to God!

*Hymn

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Be Now My Vision (1-3)

Ancient Irish Text/Slane

(After the hymn, children and youth through 7th grade are invited to the Kitchen Room
to prepare casseroles for the guests of Santa Fe's shelters.)

WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation from the Lakota (Sioux) Sacred Tradition (**unison**)

Grandfather Great Spirit,

All over the world the faces of the living ones are alike.

With tenderness they have come up out of the ground.

Look upon your children that they may face the winds

and walk the good road to the Day of Quiet.

Grandmother Great Spirit,

Fill us with the Light.

Give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see.

Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live. Amen.

A Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God's Grace

*Song of Praise

Be Now My Vision

Slane

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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WE ENGAGE

The Wisdom of the Prophet Micah

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with the people,
and will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before God with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

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and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Hymn 292

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (1-2)

Edwin Hatch/Trenton

Sermon

What's Required?

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

Walk as Children of the Light

Dan Kallman

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(after each petition is a time of silent prayer)*

God of Life, God of all the living, open us more deeply to you in this time of prayer.

Breathe into us again the light of your peace.

Breathe into us again the light of your hope.

Breathe in the light of your love.

And breathe in your light of life for us and all the world.

We thank you for all the ways we have known your light in our lives.

We thank you for those who show us how to love mercy,

those who teach us how to do justice,

those who walk with us and in so doing, show us how to walk with you.

We pray for your light to give us the guidance and courage we need
to be the people you need us to be.

We pray for one another in this United Church community, beyond our own circles of friends.

We pray for our brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors in Santa Fe, our nation, and your world,
whose lives are shadowed by injustice, by violence, or by loneliness.

We pray for the healing of bodies, minds, and souls—and for the healing of our nation.

We pray for all entrusted with leadership, that they might lead by example and do your justice and mercy.

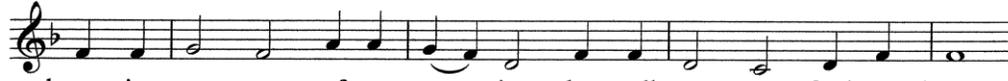
We pray for the power of love to overcome hatred, the power of your light to overcome all shadow, the
power of your ways of life to overcome our ways of death.

We pray all this in the name of the One who showed us your ways of light and life for all the world, and
who taught us to pray with boldness, courage, and trust, saying . . .

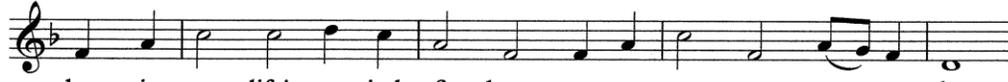
(Please use any version of the Lord's prayer.)



1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha - lom;
 2. Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each bro - ken strand.
 3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,
 4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life now and yet to be



dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;
 Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.
 from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.
 bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:



gath - ering up life's var - ied fi - bers ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue:
 Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion of - fering health where once was pain
 Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare
 you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.



grant us your cre - a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.
 strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.
 live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.
 With your Reign of Peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

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*Benediction

Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison

Ukrainian Orthodox Church

WELCOME TO UNITED!

We're glad you've joined in worship and hope you'll share in upcoming programs and outreach ministries. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Jessie Lo, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Sasha Smucker and Bruce Turnquist, Liturgists and Readers; and Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez.

Today in Children's Ministry – Helping Hands

The children and younger youth are invited to assemble casseroles for the guests of the Interfaith Shelter. All welcome!

Youth Ministry

(Youth Minister Kate Murphy: unitedchurch.kate@gmail.com)

- **Young Adventurers (5th-7th; during 10:00 worship):** We listen to different ways people around the world pray. We then learn the Lord's Prayer.
- **Youth Initiates (8th-10th; 11:15 Sundays):** We take stock of our spiritual journeys, and how we have changed.
- **JAS (Juniors & Seniors):** Please sign up to lead the Call to Worship. See Kate about open dates.

“Get to Know United!” – Today's 11:15 Forum

To learn more about the United Church of Santa Fe and the United Church of Christ, come to this Newcomers' Gathering after worship this morning. It's also a chance to meet new friends and church leaders. All welcome!

United Church Advocacy Day at the State Legislature – Tomorrow

Join United's annual Advocacy Day focused on homelessness, environmental concerns, immigration, and prevention of gun violence. We meet at the church at 8:30 for orientation, then carpool to the Capitol to visit our legislators, ending with lunch at a local restaurant. Please RSVP today to Marilyn Gardner (505-331-6600, mjg1230@comcast.net).

Can You Pray for a Child Once a Day?

United's Prayer Child program matches children and youth with adults who promise to pray for them every day. If you'd like to be a “Pray-er,” please contact Talitha Arnold (505-988-3295). Thanks!

Women’s Study Group – This Wednesday (10:00 am)

We continue our discussion of Serhii Plokyh’s *The Gates of Europe: History of Ukraine*. (Barbara MacPhee, 504-232-6670)

Resiliency and Hope: Biblical Stories for Our Time

Thursdays at 8:00 am – Zoom (please register at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)

This ongoing study explores Biblical characters who overcame hardships of all kinds. All welcome!

**Way Down in Beulah Lan’—Celebration of African American Sacred Music
FebFest 2023 with nationally known conductor Dr. André Thomas**

Once again United Church and *Coro Lux* (the Albuquerque choir directed by Bradley Ellingboe) offer FebFest, an annual celebration of African American Sacred Music traditions. This year’s is the biggest and best one yet! Our special guest is Dr. André Thomas, composer, conductor, president of the American Choral Directors Association, and Associate Artist/Guest Conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra.

Choral Workshop – Sat. Feb. 4

Open to all interested singers, Saturday rehearsals and workshops are Sat., Feb. 4 (at United church, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm). To join in as a singer, go to abqcorolux.org/febfeast-2023/ to register. The cost of the in-person workshop is \$75 (online is \$50—but in-person is best!). Cost includes sheet music, Saturday lunch, workshops, rehearsals—and the chance to sing with one of the nation’s top conductors. Come and bring a friend!

Sunday 10:00 Worship with Dr. Thomas as Guest “Triologue” Preacher

Next Sunday morning, Dr. Thomas joins Talitha Arnold and Bradley Ellingboe in a special ‘Triologue’ sermon, reflection on the power of music to help us “do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.” The service also includes two choral works by Dr. Thomas, offered by the FebFest Choir. We will also offer the regular 8:30 Contemplative Communion Service.

**Sunday FebFest Concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity
Feb. 5 (3:00 pm) – Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis**

The festival choir’s work culminates in a free concert at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis at 3:00 pm Sunday, Feb. 5. Dr. Thomas leads the 100+ voice choir and jazz ensemble in works by Amy Beach, Florence Price, and his own compositions. A free-will offering at the end of the concert benefits Habitat for Humanity. Spread the word and invite friends!

**United’s Sanctuary Choir sings Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with New Mexico Philharmonic
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 – 6:00 pm**

United’s Sanctuary Choir, with Albuquerque’s *Coro Lux*, joins forces with the New Mexico Philharmonic in Beethoven’s magnificent Ninth Symphony, including the choral finale known as “Ode to Joy.” The concert is one night only, in UNM’s Popenjoy Hall, Sat., Feb. 11, 6:00 pm. Tx: nmphil.org/event/the-greatest-beethovens-9th-february-11-2023/

Coming Up This Week at United

MON	8:30 am	Advocacy Day – gather at United, then go to Legislature
WED	10:00 am	Women’s Study Group
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURS	8:00 am	“Resiliency and Hope” Bible Study (Zoom)
SAT	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	FebFest Choral Workshops and Rehearsal
SUN		Worship for the Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
	8:30 am	Contemplative Communion
	10:00 am	FebFest Worship with Dr. Andre Thomas and Festival Choir Children’s Ministry and Young Adventurers
	11:15 am	Youth Initiates
	3:00 pm	FebFest Concert (at St. Francis Cathedral) to benefit Habitat for Humanity

At United, we seek to “Love God, Neighbor, Creation” in a whole lot of ways. . . .

Support for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees, supplying meals for homeless shelters, emergency funds for our Diné/Navajo neighbors, and more! Go to unitedchurchofsantafe.org to find out how you can help. Thank you!

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 *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and *Tree New Mexico*. Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/post/unitedscarbonoffsetprogram.

Compost Collection – It’s a Miracle!

United contracts with Reunity Resources to turn compostable products (e.g., 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 the compost bin means less in the landfill. Info at reunityresources.com or call Melanie Lohmann (505-617-0700). Thanks!