

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE  
A United Church of Christ

A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

June 14, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

*For Reflection*

"We all need drinkable water — there's no human beings in this entire world that can live without water. The environmental impact that's going to happen in this area is going to be so destructive down the road. We may not feel it 10 to 15 years from now, but eventually anyone from the age of 20 on down is going to feel it in their life. . . .

"I always hear people say 'God bless America.' But I wonder when we the people are going to say 'Yes, we're going to bless you, God, by blessing America and taking care of it and tending to the environment for the sake of the children.'"

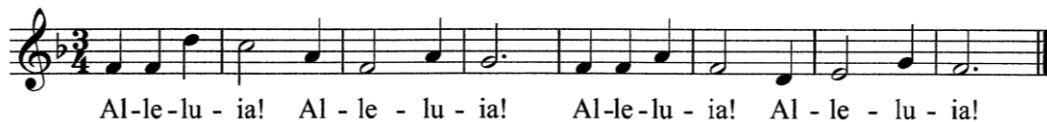
Moses J. Brings Plenty (aka "Mo" in TV series *Yellowstone*)  
Oglala Lakota Actor, Traditional Drummer and Singer  
Speaking at City of Owasatomie (Kansas) hearing on a proposed 600,000 sq. ft. data center

**WE GATHER**

*(May the first note of the Gathering Music be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.  
Also, please turn off your cell phone upon entering the Sanctuary.)*

Gathering Music *Shenandoah* American Folk Song/arr. Keith Jarrett

\*Introit *Zimbabwe Alleluia* (2x) Abraham Maraire



Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Spirit of Peace, Hope, and Love

Sharing God's Spirit *May the Spirit be with you!*

\*Regathering and Welcoming Visitors *Zimbabwe Alleluia* (1x) Abraham Maraire

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship *Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)* Carlos Rosas

The Call to Worship

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!  
For the Lord is good. ¡Porque Dios es bueno!  
**¡Porque Dios es bueno!**  
Come into God's presence with thanksgiving. Enter God's courts with praise.  
**¡Porque Dios es bueno!**  
God's love goes from generation to generation.  
**¡Porque Dios es bueno!**  
God has made us and we are God's. Sing praise!  
**¡Porque Dios es bueno!**  
Let us sing praise to the God of all generations!  
**¡Porque Dios es bueno!**

\*Hymn 28 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (1-3) Follitt S. Pierpoint/Conrad Koche

## WE OPEN TO GOD'S SPIRIT

\*In a Prayer of Invocation

O God, giver of all good,  
who continually pours your benefits upon us,  
age after age the living wait upon you  
and find that of your faithfulness there is no end  
and that your care is unfailing.

**We praise you that the mystery of our life  
is a mystery of infinite goodness.**

**We praise you for the order and constancy of nature;  
for the beauty and bounty of the earth;  
for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest;  
for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings.**

We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life,  
**for our homes, for our friends,  
and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people. Amen.**

\*In a Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

\*In Song

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Miriam Therese Winter/Dix

*For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed.  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## WE ENGAGE

An Ancient Song

Psalm 100

From the *New Revised Standard Version*:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is the Lord who made us, and we are the Lord's,  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.  
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving  
and God's courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name.  
For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever  
with faithfulness to all generations.

From the *First Nations Version*:

Let all the earth shout for joy to Grandfather.  
Serve Grandfather with glad hearts. Come before  
him with singing and dancing.  
Take it to heart that Grandfather is the Great Spirit.  
He created us for himself. We are his people, the  
sheep he watches over with tender care.  
Enter the sacred circle and dance in step with the  
drum as they sing honor songs. Send up prayers  
of thanksgiving and bless his name.  
For Grandfather is good, with a love so strong it  
never ends. He is faithful and true to all  
generations to come.

Hymn 247

*My Shepherd Is the Living God* (vs 1-2)

Isaac Watts/Consolation

Sermon

*For All Generations*

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Chisholm/William Runyan  
Arr. Jack Schrader

## WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer (*We conclude with the Prayer of our Savior. Please pray any version.*)

Invitation to the Offering and Offertory

*Amelie's Song*

Yann Tiersen

Prayer of Dedication

## WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i> (insert, vs. 1-3)	Jeffery Rowthorn/Truro
*Benediction		
*Musical Benediction	<i>Creating God</i> (vs. 4)	Jeffery Rowthorn/Truro

### **WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!**

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Your presence enriches the experience of us all. We also invite you to join in our education and service offerings in the week ahead. If you're visiting, please take a moment to fill out the yellow visitor card. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor; Jacquelyn Helin, Guest Pianist (and United's former Music Director); Dana Bender, Family Minister; Mary Hasbah Roessel Liturgist. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Bob Ansheles, Rosemary Thompson, Gail Ansheles, and Karen Wilbanks; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeaut. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service with volunteer Sam Elind.

We are also delighted and blessed to welcome Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Anna Kelley, Mezzo-soprano. A recent graduate of The Juilliard School's Artist Diploma program, she was the sole 2026 recipient of the Richard F. Gold Career Grant from the Shoshana Foundation and the Tatiana Troyanos Scholarship. Recent performances include alto soloist in Handel's *Messiah*, Brahms's *Alto Rhapsody*, Mahler's *Symphony No. 3*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, and opera performances as Hänsel in *Hänsel und Gretel* and Mère Marie in *Dialogues des Carmélites*. This summer, Anna joins Santa Fe Opera as Hélène in *Lili Elbe*, and through the 2026-2027 season, makes her Carnegie Hall Weill Recital Hall debut, her professional debut with Nashville Opera in *Le nozze di Figaro*, and joins the studio of Oper Köln in Germany as a full time member of the studio. A graduate of the Yale School of Music, Kelly has also trained with Wolf Trap Opera, Palm Beach Opera, and Houston Grand Opera's Young Artists Vocal Academy.

### **Kids United – Singing through the Summer!**

Each week, children of all ages join Family Ministry Director Dana Bender as we sing our way through the summer—exploring prayer and our love for God, Neighbor, and Creation through music (and also tending the Children's Garden).

### **Adult Forum: “Lili Elbe” Love, Tolerance, and Otherness with Desirée Mays Today at 11:15**

The opera *Lili Elbe* (premiering this summer at the Santa Fe Opera) tells the deeply human story of this Danish artist and his devoted artist wife, Gerda Wegener, in the 1920s. Lili Elbe was one of the first recipients of gender-affirming surgery, seeking authenticity and affirmation of her true self. Desirée Mays recounts her life through Lili's quotes and thoughts, accompanied by music from composer Tobias Picker's score and images of Gerda's art featuring Lili.

### **Love in Action Arts Camp – United Church – Starts This Week! (June 15-19, 9:00 to 3:00)**

United's *Love in Action Arts Camp* is a fun and valuable day camp for elementary-age children to explore kindness, belonging, and caring for the earth through biblical stories, music, art, drama, photography, cooking, and more! **The \$125 registration includes lunch and snacks.** (Scholarships available.) Please register at [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Info: Director of Family Ministry Dana Bender ([unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com)).

### **Praying in the Dirt and Feeding Hungry Families**

All produce from the Children's Garden goes to the Santa Fe Food Depot to provide nutritious food to people throughout Northern New Mexico. You can help United kids feed other kids (and their parents) by volunteering to take a week of watering, weeding, or harvesting this summer. Sign up in Community Room or contact Dana Bender (602-570-9709).

### **Weekly Food Drive for The Food Depot**

To help Santa Fe children in the final days of school and heading into the summer, we invite your donations of non-perishable food for the Food Depot. Every public school has their own “Food Pantry” that parents, youth, and children can use for weekends and summertime when school isn't in session.

### **What Does the Bible Really Say about Forgiveness? – Zoom Study Group**

**Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 am (MDT)**

Join people from around the country for an in-depth look at what the Bible says about the challenging (and often confusing) topic of “forgiveness.” All welcome! To register, email [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### **Matins Youth Choir – Next Sunday at United**

Next Sunday, we welcome the **40-voice Matins Youth Choir** of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa! To help prepare for the youth choir, we need to rearrange the Sanctuary chairs on Friday, set up tables and chairs, compost bins, etc. on Saturday, provide lunch for the youth and United members on Sunday (with donations of cookies and tangerines – church provides sandwiches, chips, etc.), and clean up after lunch on Sunday. If you can help in any of the above ways, please sign up in the Community Room or email: [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### **Santa Fe Pride Parade – Saturday, June 27 (9:30 am)**

United Church is marching in the 33rd Annual Pride Parade! Meet in the PERA parking lot (corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta) by 9:30 am. Wear your green United “Heart-Hands” T-shirt (you can buy one at the church), hat, sunscreen, walking shoes. Bring a full water bottle. Sign up by Thursday, June 25 in Community Room or at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). More info: Pam Hyde ([pshyde50@comcast.net](mailto:pshyde50@comcast.net)). Let’s show our United Pride! Thank you!

### ***To Be Gay and Christian* Sunday Forum (11:15) – June 28**

In celebration of Santa Fe’s Pride Weekend, a panel of United members and friends share some of their journeys of faith and life as LGBTQ+ Christians or parents of LGBTQ+ children.

### ***United’s Monthly Shelter Dinners***

Thank you to all the casserole preparers, grocery shoppers, meatloaf makers, and dinner deliverers for this month’s suppers for St. Elizabeth and Casa Familia Shelters. Interested in helping next month (Friday, July 17)? Please contact Cathy Garrett ([cathygarrett1@gmail.com](mailto:cathygarrett1@gmail.com)), You can also support this important ministry with your donations for “Shelter Meals.”

### ***Get to Know Santa Fe – Study Group***

Interested in a study group on Santa Fe’s history, culture, and challenges? Let us know at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### **Day Trip to Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum – Wednesday, July 1 – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm**

In 1864, the U.S. Army drove the Navajo/Diné people from their homeland in New Mexico and Arizona to Ft. Sumner in Bosque Redondo. The Long Walk of the Navajo is a hard truth of our nation’s history. The Wednesday before the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, United offers a day trip to the Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum. We’ll leave at 7:00 am, tour the museum and site, have lunch, then return. Sign up in Com. Room or at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). Info: Talitha Arnold.

### ***Youth Choir, Opera Singers, United Pickers, and Lots More Musically This Summer at United***

- Next Sunday, we welcome the 40-voice **Youth Matins Choir** of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa and guest pianist Jacquelyn Helin.
- Sunday, June 28, **Opera Apprentice** Sophia Baete, mezzo-soprano, is our guest musician.
- Sunday, July 5, our **Outdoor Celebration of the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday** features American folk music, offered by the **United Pickers** (i.e., guitarists, mandolinists, and banjo players).
- In celebration of “**International Folk Art**” **Sunday** (July 12), we’ll sing of God’s creation all around the world and in a host of different languages. It’s also “Drop-in Choir” Sunday so if you like to sing, come at 9:00 to rehearse and sing with the Choir in the 10:00 service.
- Sunday, July 19, we welcome **Opera Apprentice** Kyle White, baritone (and welcome back Pianist Jacquelyn Helin)
- We finish out July on the 26<sup>th</sup> (Spanish Market Sunday) with **Opera Apprentice** Matthew Juhlin, baritone

**Mark your calendars and bring friends!**

## **Love Creation!**

### **United’s Carbon Offset Program Addresses Climate Change**

Track car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and the *Santa Fe Watershed Association* for their environmental advocacy and hands-on care for God’s good earth and generations yet to come. (\$8/100 miles driven; \$8/3 hours in the air). Info: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care).

### **Compost Collection – It’s a Miracle!**

United contracts with Reunity Resources to turn compostable products (food waste, meat scraps, etc.) into rich, life-giving compost. Get compostable garbage bags at church (**NO** standard plastic bags, please), fill 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.

### **Smith’s Community Inspiring Donations Program**

United receives a percentage on all purchases at Smith’s when you use your Smith’s *rewards* card at check out at no additional cost to you. To register your *rewards* card online, go to [smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations](http://smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations), sign into your account, look for “Inspiring Donations Program”, and type in “The United Church of Santa Fe.” Thanks!

### **Try Our Church Donation App!**

We are excited to share with you a convenient way to give to the church. “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” to download the app for free and start donating today! Thank you for supporting our mission.

### **Summer Pledges**

As you head to the hills or wherever this summer takes you, please remember to keep your church pledge up to date. That helps United continue to meet ongoing expenses like salaries, the electric bill, etc. Thank you! And if you didn't make a pledge to the church during last fall's Stewardship campaign, please consider doing so midyear. That, too, helps United stay in the black. Many thanks!