

A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
7th Sunday of Pentecost and
International Folk Art Market Sunday

July 12, 2026
10:00 A.M.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

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

Argentinian Dance No. 2
As the Dew from Heaven Distilling

Alberto Ginastera
Daynes/arr. Anne Britt

*Introit

Praise the Lord

Cameroon

(First time solo. Then the whole congregation rises to join in—2 more times!)

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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

Praise the Lord (1x)

Cameroon

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona (We Sing Your Praises)

South African

(Choir sings v. 1 in Sotho, then English, Congregation joins in 2nd time English.)

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

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The Call to Worship from Psalm 65

By awesome deeds you call us to worship, O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;

**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain;

They shout and sing together for joy.

Come, people of God, join with all creation and sing together for joy!

*Hymn

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Sheaves of Summer

Una Espiga

(Soloist sings v. 1 Spanish, Congregation joins 1 & 2 English)

WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation (from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship) (unison)

Gracious God,
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 community of your people
so that with the faithful in every time and place
we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

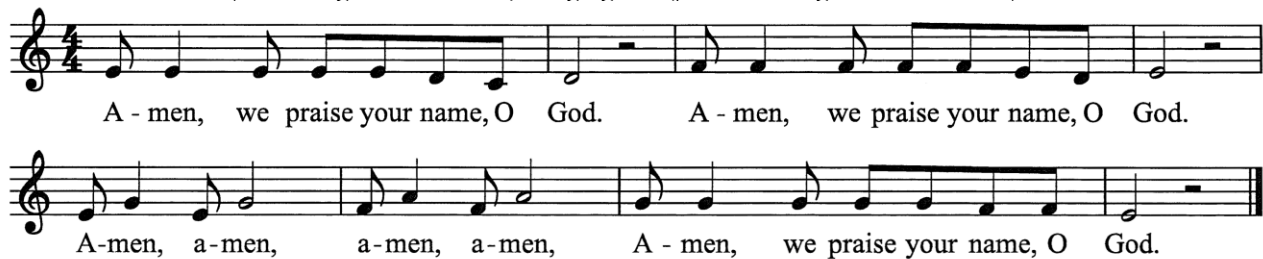
In a Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

*In Song

Masithi

S.C. Molefe

(Choir sings v. 1 in Xhosa, Congregation joins with English verse below.)



(During the song, children in grades K-5 are invited forward for a blessing then go to Kids United with Dana Bender for music, prayer, and stories. Nursery care is also available throughout the service in the Nurture Center.)

*Blessing of the Children

WE ENGAGE

The Vision of the Prophet

Isaiah 55:10-33

For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven
and do not return there
until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Silent Reflection

Sermon

As the Rains Water the Earth

Silence

Musical Response 425

For the Fruit of All Creation

Welsh Tune

WE RESPOND

Invitation to the Offering and Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Gift of Communion

Remembering This Meal

Welcoming One Another to the Feast

Brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, 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.

Prayer of Thanks and Blessing *(We conclude with the Lord's Prayer—please pray any version.)*

The Bread and the Cup

*As your section is invited forward, all are welcome to share the bread (or a non-gluten wafer) and cup (either by dipping the bread into the chalice or taking one of the individual cups). As people come forward, the choir starts to sing **Hymn #360—Thuma Mina**—the first verse in Zulu. The congregation then joins in the 3 English verses.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious One, you have fed our deep hungers with your living bread and quenched our thirst with your cup of hope. Now we pray, lead us out into your world in joy and peace. Help us to hear your mountains burst into song and all the trees clap their hands. Give us the will and the way to share your abundance that we would bless the lives of all your children and the life of all creation as your rains bless a thirsty land. We pray in your name. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (insert) Mary Louise Bringle/William T. Rowan

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Kyrie Eleison* Ukrainian Orthodox Chant
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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; Michelle Schumann, Pianist/Music Director; Dana Bender, Family Minister; the Drop-In Choir directed by André García-Nuthmann; Javier Ortiz, Soloist; David Darby, Percussion; Liturgists to be announced. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Beth and Frank Cionek, Diane Darby, Pam Hyde, and Karen Wilbanks; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeaut. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service with audio volunteer Frank Wilbanks.

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). Nurture Center care for infants through Pre-k's offered by Tracy Church and Maria Navarette.

The Other Madisons: The Lost History of a President's Black Family – Adult Forum, July 12 (11:15 am)

In 1990, Bettye Kearsse's mother designated her as her African American family's "Griotte" – the storyteller and oral historian to preserve the genealogies and traditions of her community. That role took Bettye, a pediatrician from Boston and part of the United Church community, all around the U.S. and to Ghana to Portugal to write what she describes as "a personal family history and an homage to millions of silenced, invisible African Americans." Her book embraces a more inclusive and complete American story—a great focus for our nation in this time.

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.

Loving Our Neighbors in Santa Fe – Supporting Santa Fe’s Shelters

United Church provides full dinners monthly to Santa Fe Shelters. Lots of volunteer opportunities—making meatloaves at home; preparing casseroles at church (“Chop and Grate”); delivering food. Please contact Cathy Garrett (cathygarrett1@gmail.com).

This Friday, July 17:

- 9:00 am – **Chop and Grate Casserole Making**;
- 1:00 pm – **Deliver meals** to Casa Familia and St. Elizabeth Shelters.

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.

Opera Singers, Drop-in Choir, and Lots More Musically This Summer at United

- Next Sunday, July 19, we welcome **Opera Apprentice** Kyle White, baritone (and welcome back Guest Pianist Jacquelyn Helin).
- We finish out July on the 26th (Spanish Market Sunday) with **Opera Apprentice** Matthew Juhlin, baritone.
- And in August:
 - The **Drop-In Choir** is Sunday, August 9.
 - On August 16, we welcome back **Lavonne Yazzie**, Navajo/Diné singer and Cantor for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Albuquerque.

Mark your calendars and bring friends!

What Is Christian Nationalism (and Why Should We Care)?

Tune into a podcast from *Indivisible Santa Fe Radio* (on Spotify, Amazon Music, etc.) for Rev. Gary Kowalski’s interview of Rev. Talitha Arnold on “The Rise of Christian Nationalism: What Is It and Why Should We Care?”

Love Creation!

A World without Nuclear Weapons – Sunday, July 19 (2:30 pm – doors open at 2:00 pm)

St. Michael’s High School

Next Sunday, local faith leaders, nuclear disarmament advocates, environmental organizations, and community members gather to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the Trinity Test, the world’s first atomic bomb detonation, which took place in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. The interfaith vigil calls for nuclear disarmament and renewed action toward peace and environmental justice. Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, leads the commemoration. Participants will hear how they can promote nuclear disarmament, with a special emphasis on youth and the future. **Registration and livestream information:** bit.ly/2026-Trinity.

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.

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.

Cybersecurity Tips for Emails and Texts

Churches and church members aren’t immune to scams, hacks, and phishing. Some ways to reduce the risk:

- Church staff will never write you directly for your credit card information or ask you to purchase a gift card. If the email address does not begin with “unitedchurch,” it is a scam. For texts, check the phone number. Either way, call the person it claims to be.
- A new scam from hacked email addresses are bogus “invitations” to parties, celebrations, etc. that ask you to click on the invitation. That then leads you to give personal information (passwords, Social Security #, etc.) which makes your accounts vulnerable to hacks and theft. Call the person directly to see if it’s legit. If it’s not, report it as a scam or a hack.
- Once confirmed that the email or text is a scam, please report it as phishing to your email provider or report a phishing text by texting 7726.

When in doubt, don’t open the text or email—contact the person it claims to be from directly.