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**PRAYERS OF NEW LIFE  
FOR  
EASTERTIDE**

The proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well, but as one who has faced the cross in all its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, God’s will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. Christ’s life and our lives through Christ, in Christ. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord *has* risen.

Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat

O God, great and wonderful,  
who has created the heavens,  
dwelling in their light and beauty;  
who has made the earth,  
revealing yourself in every flower that opens.  
Let not my eyes be blind to you,  
neither let my heart be dead,  
but teach me to praise you,  
even as the lark which offers her song at daybreak.

Saint Isidore of Seville

God of ceaseless new beginnings,  
we rejoice that through your powerful love  
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead . . .  
In the resurrection you were victorious  
over sin, violence, and oppression.  
Free us to risk ourselves in the struggle for justice and peace  
that we may be your partners  
in restoring all creation to your intention. Amen.

The United Church of Christ *Book of Worship*

**AND FOR EARTH DAY**

Lord, make this world to last as long as possible.  
(Prayer of an 11-year-old child on hearing of war on a nearby border.)

**An Easter Prayer for Children**

God of ceaseless new beginnings,  
fill your child (name) with your new life,  
this day and every day. Amen.

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**Covenant of  
The United Church of Santa Fe**

In the Lord's name we gather together here in Santa Fe  
to worship and grow in the Christian tradition,  
to minister in love to all persons,  
to strive for justice and peace,  
to respond to God's word.

We celebrate the heritage of Santa Fe and give ourselves to its challenges and opportunities.

We endeavor to live in harmony with all creation as stewards of the earth.

We share in the life and mission of the United Church of Christ and of Christians everywhere.

To these purposes we unite and covenant with God and one another, watchful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## Pastor's Message

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Dear Friends,

God willing—and trusting that the USPS delivers this April newsletter in a timely fashion—you'll read this a couple weeks before Easter Sunday. By that time (we also hope) the lilies will be ordered, the "Hallelujah Chorus" copied, the Easter Piñata stuffed, greeters for both the Sunrise and Sanctuary services recruited, and perhaps even the first draft of the Easter bulletins in the works.

To quote Peanuts, "Duck, Sir. Easter is coming!" Easter takes a lot of preparation—at least it does two thousand years after the fact. Ironically, the first Easter took none at all. Yes, the women had to gather spices and start out early in the morning—but they were preparing to anoint a dead body, not to encounter the Risen Christ. Who knows what the disciples were doing that first Easter morning.

Remember how Jesus' birth caught everyone by surprise? The innkeeper had no room, the shepherds needed an angel chorus to leave their sheep, and the Wise Ones got lost on the way. Neither his disciples nor the women followers were any better prepared for his resurrection, though he'd told them multiple times of God's intention for new life, abundant life, life that overcame death itself.

I empathize with Jesus' friends. I know that by April 20 United will be well prepared for Easter morning, but I wonder (at least for myself) how ready we'll be for new life. Truth be known, that's a question we could ask every new day. When we open our eyes in the morning, are we also open to God's possibilities? Can we trust that we are not bound by the past – past hurts, past disappointments, past regrets? Do we dare hope that God isn't done with us, or with our world, yet?

To be honest, I don't know how we prepare for new life. I know that we began Lent with our Ash Wednesday ritual of turning to ashes those things that keep us from the life God wants to offer us. I know that every Sunday, we breathe in God's gifts of hope, peace and love. We engage stories and teachings that have promised life down through the ages. We sing hymns and offer prayers for that life.

But I also know that we live in a time that continually pulls us back to the past, with a romanticized vision of life that wasn't so complicated (i.e., so diverse or inclusive). I know that many in power play on age-old fears of the "other." I know that the brave new world they imagine does not hold the new life for all people and all creation that our faith promises.

The disciples and women who followed Jesus lived in such a time. They knew, as we do, that the real challenge of the Resurrection isn't getting ready for Easter Sunday. It's being open to new life every day.

Keep breathing, Beloved, and know that with every breath, you take in Easter's new life.

Blessings,

# Worship in April

8:30 Contemplative Communion — 10:00 Sanctuary Service with Choir and special music

## *Bearing the Seed for Sowing* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – April 6

We believe in a God of such small things—a tiny mustard seed that becomes a giant tree; a bit of bread and a sip from the cup that fills us with life; a ragtag group of fishermen and women, led by a carpenter’s son, who changed the world. Psalm 126 reminds us of the powerful life contained in such small things. Can we believe it?

### HOLY WEEK

#### *Palm Branches, Olive Grove, the Cross of Death and the Tree of Life*

The journey from Palm Sunday to the Last Supper and Calvary and finally to Easter morning is peopled with human beings making human decisions. But the natural world, and especially trees, are also part of the story, from palm branches to olive trees to a wooden cross and the Tree of Life. What does creation teach us about our decisions to choose life over death?

#### *Tree Branches and an Olive Grove*

##### **Palm Sunday – April 13**

We begin as the Palm Sunday crowd, singing “Hosanna” and waving branches. Four nights later, we join Jesus as he prays in an olive grove, knowing a wooden cross awaits him. Renowned poet Tony Silvestri shares in worship.

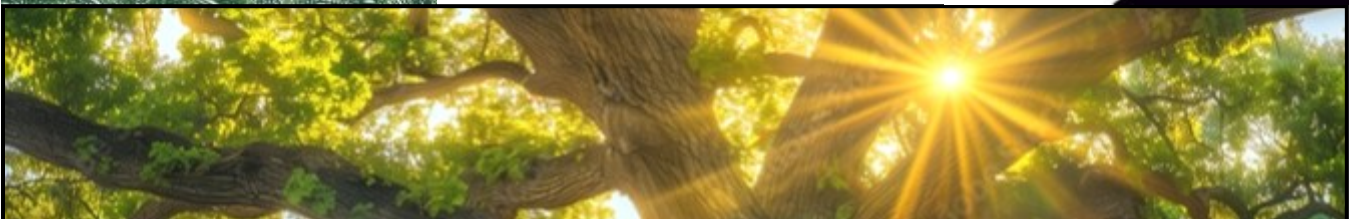
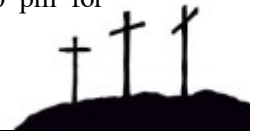


#### **Maundy Thursday April 17 (7:00 pm)**

We share Communion, followed by the account of Jesus’ Passion. We follow him from the Garden of Gethsemane to the courts of Herod and Pilate and finally to Golgotha, place of the “skull.” United Youth and our new Family Ministry Director Dana Bender lead the Tenebrae and extinguishing of light.

#### **Good Friday—April 18 Creation Care – 9:00 to 11:30 Good Friday Worship – Noon**

As we gather to engage this hard story, we pray for ourselves and our loved. We pray, too, all God’s people and God’s crucified creation living under the shadow of the cross. The Sanctuary will also be open until 3:00 pm for private prayer.



### *The Tree of Life—EASTER SUNDAY* April 20

**6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise Communion**  
**10:00 am All Age Celebration of the Resurrection**

King Herod, Pilate, and the whole Roman Empire thought Jesus’ story ended on the treeless hill called Calvary. But three days later, when the women went to a tomb for the dead, they found new life has burst forth in a garden. The tree of death had become the Tree of Life. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

### EASTERTIDE WORSHIP

For Christians, Easter isn’t just one day. It’s a 50-day season (10 days longer than Lent). Worship continues the celebration and the challenge of the Resurrection—both Jesus’ and ours.

#### *Closer than the Next Breath* 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter – April 27

“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord,” Psalm 150 proclaims. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” Jesus tells his disciples as he breathes new life into them. (John 19:20-31) Every Sunday we take time to breathe in God’s gifts and remind ourselves that God’s new life isn’t confined to Easter morning. We take it in with every breath.

## Music

Bradley Ellingboe: Director of Music

## Children & Youth

Dana Bender: Family Ministries Director

There's even more music going on this month than usual! The fifth Sunday of Lent (April 6) opens with a lovely unaccompanied arrangement of the Spiritual "Deep River." Then, Saturday, April 12, the Sanctuary Choir joins forces *Coro Lux* to give the New Mexico premiere of *A Place Called Home* at the Lensic. This is a BIG DEAL and we hope to see you all there! (See more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.) The next day is Palm Sunday, when we'll have a guest trumpeter and also welcome the librettist of *A Place Called Home*, poet Tony Silvestri, who has written a new poem for our worshi! Later that same week is Maundy Thursday (April 17) – at which the choir sings – and the Good Friday service (April 18) which includes piano and vocal soloists. Easter Sunday (April 20) has lots of lively music in the 10:00 service (including two trumpets and a "Family Choir"), plus all who wish joining in the singing of *The Hallelujah Chorus*. Please thank the Sanctuary choir for their devotion and hard work. Speaking for myself, I'm very grateful for the church sponsoring *A Place called Home*. Your support of me as a composer means so much!

Brad

### WELCOME DANA BENDER, UNITED'S NEW

#### "FAMILY, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR!"

The big news for our whole church community is the arrival of our new Family, Youth, and Children's Director Dana Bender. Her first day with us is Palm Sunday (April 13), and she'll be off to great start. See what's in store below.

#### Palm Sunday Practice for Easter

After joining in the Palm Sunday processional, children with go with Dana, Maria, and Destiny to get acquainted and also learn a Native American "Heleluyan" that they and their parents will lead the congregation in the 10:00 Easter service. We'll send a practice link as well!



#### Good Friday "Creation Care"

9:30 to 11:30

All youth, children, parents, and other adults are invited to care for creation—and get the church grounds ready for Easter Sunday. Pruning, trash pickup, raking—there's something for everyone on a beautiful April morning.

#### Youth Lead "Tenebrae" on Maundy Thursday

United Youth, with guidance from Dana Bender and Karen Wilbanks, lead the traditional "Tenebrae" at the end of the Maundy Thursday service. As they read the story of Jesus' last hours (the Passion), they extinguish candles until the congregation is enveloped in the shadows of that night.

#### EASTER SUNDAY!

6:30 Outdoor Sunrise Service

10:00 Easter Celebration

(with Family Choir)

Children's Ministry for youngest ones during worship.

An Easter Piñata for everyone after worship!

**A PLACE CALLED HOME**  
*A Musical Plea for All Creation*  
Saturday, April 12 – 4:00 pm – The Lensic  
Co-sponsored by United Church and *Coro Lux*  
Tickets: [tickets.lensic.org](https://tickets.lensic.org)

The day before Palm Sunday, the United Church of Santa Fe is doing something we've never done before – sponsor a concert at the Lensic Theater! "A Place Called Home," by Bradley Ellingboe and Tony Silvestri is a musical plea for all creation. The Lensic performance features the combined choirs of United Church and Coro Lux, four professional soloists and a small orchestra,

Why is United co-sponsoring the concert? Because ever since United began in 1980, we have committed to "Love God by Loving Neighbor and Creation." Care for the environment is at the center of our life and ministry, not only as a social justice concern, but reflected in worship, education, and even our building and landscape. Helping bring "A Place Called Home" to Santa Fe for its New Mexico premiere is part of that commitment.

"We will not save what we do not love," the Senegalese environmentalist Baba Dioum once wrote. Music expresses our deepest loves and our highest hopes. "A Place Called Home" expresses that love for all creation in the hope we will protect and save our earth home.

The April 12 concert will be preceded by a 2:30 panel discussion with Diné/Navajo Environmentalist Mary Hasbah Roessel, Environmental Ethicist Larry Rasmussen, Poet Tony Silvestri, composer Brad Ellingboe, and Rev. Talitha Arnold

Tickets are available through the Lensic Box Office ([tickets.lensic.org](https://tickets.lensic.org)). Get yours today—and spread the word and invite friends!





# CARE AND CONCERN

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD



### Prayers of Thanks and Blessings for:

- All who have stepped up to raise additional funds for United’s 2025 Operating Budget. You are making lots of things possible!
- **Sacred Space Team** for their wonderful Mardi Gras decorations, followed by a quick turnaround for the Ash Wednesday service.
- **Larry Rasmussen** for the splendid, deep, and much-needed series on “Reading Bonhoeffer in America 2025.”
- United friends at the State Legislature (**Nyla Rasmussen, Rebecca Griego, Carrie McCabe**).
- Blessings to **Anne Hillerman**, whose new book *Shadow of the Solstice* launches at Collected Works April 22.

### Healing and Hope for:

- The family and friends of **Steve Kerchoff** who died unexpectedly this past month. Steve was a former Choral Scholar, who continued singing with the choir, helping with “Chop and Grate” shelter meals and last summer’s Border Immersion Trip. A service at United to give thanks for Steve’s life and commit his soul to God’s care will be Thursday, April 24, 10:00 am.
- The family and friends of **Merry Converse** who died mid-March following several months on Hospice. Her family will hold a service for both Merry and her husband Al in New England this summer.
- The family and friends of **Sandy Vermillion** who died recently. A private memorial service will be held.
- The family and United friends of **Rhae Burden** following her death in late February, and **Rev. Mary Ann Lundy**, who also died in February.
- **Dusty Caruso, Dave Feldt, Sarah Sawtell, and John Christiano**, all recovering from surgery; **Dana Hollifield**, preparing for radiation therapy; **Jenn Wynne**, with a broken ankle; **Amanda Darby**, as she awaits tests results; and others also dealing with difficult health issues (**Sally Strong, Ken Bordner, Zulema Zambrano and Larry Thorpe’s daughter, Helen Natonabah McCabe, Ray and Nancy Lutz, Rev. Kathleen Jimenez, Maria Navarette**, and others).
- Others living with cancer and those who love and care for them (**Greg and Linda Gaertner, Ed Barker, Jen Wilkison (Dave and Nancy’s daughter), Anna Spalding, Diane Bethune’s brother Jeffery**, and others).
- Those with memory loss and all who care for them (including **Tony Sawtell**, who recently moved to The Retreat; **Royce Stewart, Rev. Christine Vogel, Rev. Roger Knapp** (at Montecito) and **Linda Knapp** (at Spanish Trails); and others); persons living with Parkinson’s or other neurological conditions, (**Monsignor Jerome Martinez, Dr. Karl Ray**, and others); or with chronic illness (**Brooke Roberts, Jan McGough**, and others); those in assisted living.
- Individuals and families dealing with mental health, suicidal issues, and/or addiction issues. (If you or someone you love is struggling emotionally, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988) provides 24/7, free, confidential support and crisis resources for people in distress.)
- Continued prayers for our nation and those who aspire to leadership or who feel empowered to make decisions that impact the lives and well-being of others. And prayers for all those – from immigrants, college students, and persons who are disabled to scientists and other federal workers whose lives are being turned upside down by those decisions.
- Persons who are imprisoned and those who love them.
- The people and all creation dealing with fires and tornadoes throughout the Midwest and South.
- Immigrants and asylum seekers at the U.S. border and those in our country, all facing uncertain futures.
- The people of Gaza, Israel, and the West Bank, and Jews, Palestinians, and other Muslims living in the U.S. as war and violence continue; government and military leaders in Israel/Palestine, as well as the U.S. and other countries who need God’s wisdom, guidance, and commitment to a just peace.
- **The people and leaders of Ukraine**, as they continue into the fourth year of the war started by the 2022 Russia invasion.
- Continued prayers also for Nigeria, Sudan, Central America, and other places also impacted by war; immigrants seeking asylum from violence; **policymakers** who determine their fate.
- Military people and law enforcement officers, including those in our congregation.

### Memorial Services in April

**Thursday, April 24 – 10:00 am—Steve Kerchoff**

**Friday, April 25 – 10:00 am – Dorothy Patinka**

Please hold families and friends in prayer as we give thanks for Steve’s and Dorothy’s lives and commit their souls to God’s eternal love and light

### Congregational Care for April



**On Call: Dave Wilkison (505) 400-0504**  
**Food: Cheryl Haskin (503) 351-6561**

# Outreach

## LOVE GOD, NEIGHBOR, CREATION

### Outreach Opportunities – Thank you!

Go online to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) or send a check to 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe NM 87505.

## LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR!

### One Great Hour of Sharing

This spring (through Palm Sunday, April 13), United invites your support of *One Great Hour of Sharing*, the national United Church of Christ offering to support refugee resettlement, disaster relief, food and small farmer programs around the world and in the U.S. Gifts can also be designated specifically for particular emergencies (e.g., Global food or medical relief, emergency needs for fire/tornado victims or refugees on the U.S./Mexico border). To donate online, go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org), memo: OGHs. Thank you!

### United’s Shelter Supper Ministries

Help provide supper for guests of St. Elizabeth, Casa Familia Family, and Interfaith Shelters by volunteering, or financially with an online donation or check (memo: shelter meals). Thank you!

- **Thursday, April 24 – Chop & Grate (9:30 am)** at United. (Note date change)
- **Mon., April 28** – Deliver food to shelters.
- Make meatloaf at home (12 loaves needed).

### Supporting Our Diné/Navajo Brothers and Sisters

Your financial support for United’s long-time partner, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, in Fort Defiance, AZ. It provides basic supplies for families as well as the Youth Traditional Garden and Food Bank.

### United Church Underwrites, Assembles & Sends 1,253 Hygiene Kits for Ukraine, Gaza, & Sudan

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, United Church has bought supplies and assembled over 1200 Hygiene Kits that Church World Service distributes for refugees. Initially designated for Ukraine, the kits now also go to Gaza and Sudan. In addition to the volunteer and staff hours, the kits were underwritten by donations totaling \$8,054 from United members and people from the wider community and online congregation. Thank you all for your generosity!

## LOVE GOD, LOVE CREATION!

### 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. 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 compost bins means less in landfills. Thanks!

### 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 our partners *Tree New Mexico* and *NM Interfaith Power and Light*. (In 2024, United donated \$3,300, part of which came from individuals and the other part from the church’s operating budget to offset carbon use of staff mileage.) Info: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care).

### United’s Endowment Helps Underwrite New Family, Youth, and Children’s Director

We welcome Dana Bender to the United staff this month—but the financial seeds for this new position were sown years ago, when a United member made a \$5,000 gift in memory of their parents designated for Youth Ministry. Later, we also designated funds from Ann Rutledge’s estate for Youth Ministry to ensure an annual financial foundation for staffing. Thanks to generosity and wisdom of previous United generations, United’s new generations can experience God’s love and Jesus’ ways to “love neighbor and love creation.”

To learn how you, too, can plant seeds of hope and love through United’s Endowment, please contact Chair Frank Wilbanks, Moderator Sarah Sawtell, or Pastor Talitha Arnold. Thank you!

## Easter Flower Remembrances

Honor or remember a loved one with the donation of a lily displayed at United this Easter. Please fill out the form and leave it with your donation (suggested donation is \$20/lily) in the Community Room envelope or the offering plate by **Palm Sunday, April 13**. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

(Please bring or mail your contribution to the church: 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, SF 87505, by **April 13**.)

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be remembered/honored (please circle one): \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks should be made out to United Church with “Easter Flowers” on the memo line.)

# Adult Faith Formation

**ADULT FORUMS — Sundays at 11:15 am**

Joan Snider, Adult Faith Formation Chair

## ***All Church Pancake Breakfast***

(hosted by Pretty Good Guys)

Also a forum on

### **“Changing Lenses, Changing Lives” in Kenya March 30**

United’s “Pretty Good Guys” rustle up some very good pancakes and invite you to join them for an All Church Breakfast this Sunday. Also, for those who are interested, Wyclif Gitonga—a colleague of Jennifer Wynne—and Director of the Kenyan non-profit, “Changing Lenses, Changing Lives” will share his work. Learn how a simple pair of glasses can make a powerful difference in someone’s life.

## ***Welcoming Immigrants in Santa Fe***

**With Mayor Alan Webber**

**Sunday, April 6**

Although Santa Fe is not officially a “sanctuary city,” our charter affirms that the city is welcoming to all people. What does that mean practically, particularly in light of the current crackdown on immigrants nationwide? For one, Mayor Alan Webber has started up the city’s Immigration Committee and also appeared on national news underscoring Santa Fe’s commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community. As our April 6<sup>th</sup> Forum guest, he’ll share his views and ways for faith communities to welcome our neighbors in this time.

## ***The Power of Poetry in Caring for Creation***

**Poet and Lyricist Tony Silvestri**

**Sunday, April 13**

“We will not save what we do not love,” said the Senegalese forest scientist Baba Dioum. Poetry can be an expression of that love, especially for creation and the natural world. We welcome renowned poet Tony Silvestri (and collaborator with Brad Ellingboe on “A Place Called Home”) as our guest, to share his poetry, insights, and deep love for God’s creation.

## **Let’s Celebrate!**

**Easter Sunday (April 20)**

**No forum –**

**but cupcakes for everyone  
and a piñata for kids!**



## ***Meet Dana Bender, United’s New Director of Family, Youth and Children’s Ministry.***

**Sunday, April 27**

Parents, kids, and the rest of the congregation are all invited to this special forum with Dana Bender, United’s new fulltime Director of Family, Youth, and Children’s Ministry. Another reason to celebrate!



## ***Being Christian:***

***What Does It Mean, What Does It Matter?***

**Peter Marty,**

**Publisher of *The Christian Century*  
Sunday, May 4**

## **Groups and Gatherings**

### **Wednesday Women’s Study Group**

**April 2 & 16 – 10:00 am**

We begin reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. All women welcome! For more info, contact Jenn Wynn ([home@wynnes.us](mailto:home@wynnes.us), 817-219-0707) or Cheryl Morton ([mommorton@gmail.com](mailto:mommorton@gmail.com), 515-240-4523).

### **Pretty Good Guys Explore**

***“The Greatest Prayer” Jesus’ Revolutionary  
Message in the Lord’s Prayer***

**Wednesday, April 9 (10:30 am)**

Join with other United men to engage a challenging book by John Dominic Crossan about the central prayer of the Christian faith. All welcome! (Talitha Arnold, 505-988-3295)

### ***Resiliency and Hope:***

***Good News from The Gospel of Mark***

**Thursdays, April 3 & 10**

**8:00 am (MDT) on Zoom**

This Zoom study started during the pandemic. Five years later, we still need the “Resiliency and Hope” of our Biblical faith. In Lent, we conclude the Gospel of Mark with the Holy Week story—God’s love and life overcoming fear and death. All welcome! Register/Info: [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com).

### **Midweek Communion in Lent Wednesdays (12:15 to 12:45 pm)**

Do you yearn for silence or an opportunity to breathe, pray, and replenish? United offers a **Lenten Noontime** Communion each Wednesday. All welcome to recharge and renew midweek (through Wednesday of Holy Week: April 16).

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

The United Church of Santa Fe invites you to join us as we grow in faith and hope. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, a progressive and inclusive Christian tradition that emphasizes freedom of thought and belief as well as a commitment to **“Love God, Neighbor, and Creation.”** As Christians, we are many individual members, each with different gifts to offer and contributions to make. We are also one body in Christ, members of one another.

As an expression of the practice and conviction of this congregation, we declare ourselves to be an “open and affirming church,” welcoming people who share a faith journey with Christ and who share with us the covenant that binds us together regardless of age, gender, race and ethnic background, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation. We welcome you!

**IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES OFFERED**

United Church is also United (in-person and online) Church! We offer the **10:00 am Sunday service in-person** and also **livestreamed online** (access it on United’s website: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)). We also offer an **8:30 am Contemplative Communion Service**. For indoor events, N95 masks are recommended. For more information about United’s programs, please call 505-988-3295, send an email to [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com), go to our website. Thank you!