

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**for**  
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
**THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE**  
**A United Church of Christ**

**November 5, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**For Reflection:**

On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own.

*The Sacred Journey* by Frederick Buechner (1926-2022)

**WE GATHER**

Gathering Music

\*Introit

***When the Saints Go Marchin' In***  
*(\*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Traditional

***Oh, when the saints go marchin' in; Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,  
Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marchin' in!***

***Oh, when the sun begins to shine. . .***

***Oh, when the saints go marchin' in . . .***

Welcoming of Visitors and Sharing of Our Life Together

*How Beautiful It Is to Give Thanks!* – Campaign for United 2024

Breathing in God's Gifts of Peace, Hope, and Love

Sharing God's Peace and Regathering

***When the Saints Go Marchin' In*** (1x)

Traditional

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

A Call to Worship (based on Frederick Buecher's *Sacred Journey*)

Come, give thanks to God for all the saints! The famous ones and the unknown ones, the ones who did great deeds and the ones who lived ordinary lives of courage and hope. *¡Gracias a Dios por todos los santos!*

**¡Gracias a Dios por todos los santos!**

Come, give thanks for all the saints! The young ones and old ones, the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones.

**¡Gracias a Dios por todos los santos!**

Come, give thanks for all the saints! The ones who have gone before us and the ones we meet every day, the ones whose names are written in the pages of history and those written in the depths of our hearts.

**¡Gracias a Dios por todos los santos!**

Come, people of God, give thanks for all the saints and pray that in this time of worship, we may hear God's call and receive God's blessing of hope, courage, and love in our lives to be the saints God calls us to be.

\*Hymn

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***Shall We Gather at the River?*** (1-3)

Hanson Place

## WE PREPARE

### In a Prayer of Invocation for All Saints Day

God, we are surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses who have gone before us,  
**those who have loved where we would have hated,  
those who have healed where we would have hurt,  
those who have spoken out when we would have remained silent.**

God, may we walk in their footsteps,  
**learning courage from their sacrifice,  
gaining strength from their faithfulness.**

May we learn to give so that others may receive,  
**to love so that others may be set free,  
to die to ourselves so that others might live.**

God, help us join that cloud of faithful witnesses,  
**treading paths of loving obedience and  
leaving footprints that others desire to walk in.  
May we too live your life of justice and mercy. Amen.**

### A Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God's Presence

\*Our Song of Praise

#### *Shall We Gather at the River?*

Hanson Place

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

\*Blessing Children for Their Journey

#### *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

(as they leave for Children's Ministry)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send your light, send your peace, send your grace.*

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## WE ENGAGE

### From the Psalms of the Hebrews

Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, 35-37

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
for God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those God redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love,  
for wonderful works to humankind.

For the Lord satisfies the thirsty,  
and fills the hungry with good things.

The Lord turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.

And there God lets the hungry live,  
and they establish a town to live in;  
He turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.

And there he lets the hungry live,  
and they establish a town to live in;  
they sow fields, and plant vineyards,  
and get a fruitful yield.

Hymn

#### *Tree Song*

Ken Medema

A Tria-logue Sermon

Musical Reflection

#### *To the Music of the Harp*

Ken Medema

## WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*please use any version*)

Sharing the Names of the Saints We Have Lost this Year

(*In the silence that follows you are invited to share the names of other saints.*)

Time to Remember and a Reflection by Choctaw Elder and Episcopal Bishop Steven Charleston

## WE GO OUT IN PEACE

\*Hymn

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*For All the Saints*

Sine Nomine

(Everyone sings sts. 1 and 2, Ken Medema sings an interlude, then everyone sings st. 5.)

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

*Kyrie Eleison* (3x)

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



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

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning and invite you also to join in our weekday offerings and service opportunities. Again, welcome!

#### ***Welcome to Composer, Pianist, and Singer Ken Medema***

For over four decades, Ken has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled. A native of Michigan, Ken has made music since he was five, “banging on the piano and making up crazy little fantasies.” At eight, his parents found a teacher who taught him the classics with Braille music and how to play by ear. Ken studied music therapy at Michigan State where he received both his Bachelors and Masters. While working as a music therapist with teenagers, he started writing songs about their lives, and then thought “why not write songs about your Christian life?” So he did—and then began a career as a performing and recording artist. In 1985, he founded Briar Patch Music, with an emphasis on spirituality and the universal concerns of peace, justice, and the environment.

Ken and United’s Director of Music Bradley Ellingboe have been friends and colleagues for many years, and we are grateful to Brad for helping bring Ken to United this weekend.

Ken and his wife Jane, married since 1965, have two children and four grandchildren. Beverly Vander Molen who travels with him has been manager and sound person for 36 years. With an ever-growing circle of friends around the world, Ken’s vocal and piano artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to 50,000 people in 49 United States and in more than 15 countries on four continents. We are honored and blessed to welcome both Ken and Bev to the United Church of Santa Fe!

Also sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; the United Choir; Madison MacGregor, oboist; Donna Clark and Jack Smucker, Liturgists; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were welcomed by Sarah Sawtell, Kim Zeilik, Tom Stewart, and Diane Darby. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Eccard’s mother, Viola Varble, a beautiful, energetic, loving woman who charmed all who met her.

**Today’s Adult Forum: *Continuing the Conversation with Ken* – (11:15 am in the Sanctuary)**

#### ***How Beautiful to Give Thanks!*** **2024 Campaign for United**

Ken Medema’s music sings of God’s beauty, grace, and care—all reasons to give thanks to God by sharing our blessings. That’s the essence of Christian Stewardship. Today we invite your Stewardship Pledges for United’s work in the coming year. Joined with the commitments of many others, your pledge funds everything from worship and music to our ministry with children and youth to pastoral care to care for the wider community and world. Your pledges also help keep the lights on and the building maintained :-)

Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the Community Room. So do something beautiful today—Give thanks—then fill out a pledge card and leave in an offering plate. Thank you!

#### ***Our Children Learn the Beauty of Giving Thanks, Too*** **(during 10:00 Worship)**

Guided by Caleb Omolo and Maria Navarette, our youngest ones also learn how to give thanks—and the beauty of living that thanks by caring for others.

#### **Make United’s Welcome a Real Deal!**

We want to be a welcoming community every Sunday—we need your help to do that! Sign up today to greet/usher. Thanks!

**Pretty Good Guys – This Wednesday, Nov. 8 (10:30 am)**

Join with other United men to engage the stories of Biblical men and women (e.g., Hannah, Samuel, David) and what we learn from their stories. All welcome!

**Sanctuary Choir Welcomes You!**

**Rehearses Wednesdays (7:00 pm) and Sings Sunday (10:00 service)**

Interested? Contact Director of Music Brad Ellingboe: [unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com).

**Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls – Thursdays at 8:00 am via Zoom**

Explore Sunday scriptures with Talitha Arnold and friends from across Santa Fe and across the country.

**Israel and Palestine: A Lived Experience**

**Rev. Susan Thomas – This Thursday, Nov. 9 – 7:00 pm (via Zoom)**

Revs. Susan and Michael Thomas, both Lutheran pastors, served the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem from 1998 through 2003, the time of the Oslo Accords, the intifadas, construction of the border wall, and many other events in Israel Palestine. They worked with Palestinian Christians, Israeli Jews, Palestinian Muslims, Israeli Christians—in a word, with the many and complex communities of Jerusalem, Israel and Palestine. This Thursday, Rev. Thomas joins in a conversation with Talitha Arnold (they were classmates at Yale Divinity school), offering her experiences and perspectives on the current situation. The event is via Zoom and you must register by Thursday noon ([unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)).

**Immigration & Refugee Task Force invites you to**

**“A Million Miles Away”—Movie Night—Friday Nov. 17 (6:45pm)**

Bring Friends and Family (rated PG). Based on a true story. Popcorn provided. Bring lawn or camp chairs.

**United Church Commits to Love God, Neighbor, and Creation in a Whole Lot of Ways**

Supporting our Diné/Navajo neighbors. Providing relief and resettlement for Afghan, Central American, and Ukrainian refugees. Feeding hungry people in Santa Fe. 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](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to find out more!

**Calendars and Cards for Persons in Prison, Toiletries for Shelter Christmas Bags, “Socks-Giving”  
Community Room Boxes for all items**

- Bring 2024 calendars and unused Christmas cards for men at Santa Fe’s State Penitentiary.
- Individual size new toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush) for Christmas Bags the children assemble for guests of St. Elizabeth Shelter. (Please no mouthwash, medications, razors—they can’t be used.)
- Donate new pairs of warm socks for children, women, men who are guests of SF Shelters.

**VOTE—and PRAY—THIS TUESDAY!**

If you haven’t done so already, please vote in the local elections. Tuesday offers a chance to weigh in on important community concerns (like the High-End Excise **Tax for Affordable Housing** proposal) and elect City Councilors. It’s your right – so use it!

**United Goes to “Messiah” – Sunday, Nov. 19 – 4:00 pm**

We have 10 tickets for sale to United members and friends for the Santa Fe Symphony and Chorus’ concert of Handel’s “Messiah” Nov. 19. Interested? Please sign up or call the church by Monday, Nov 12. Several United members are singing. (There’s also a Sat., Nov. 18 concert at 7:00.)

**Performance Santa Fe presents: *Secret Byrd***

**Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Wednesday, Nov. 15 – both at 7:30 pm at the Scottish Rite Temple**

*Secret Byrd* is an immersive staged mass celebrating the 400-year legacy of William Byrd featuring the Gesualdo Six and Abendmusik. Performance Santa Fe offers ten tickets at the special price of \$40 each to United members and friends on a first come, first served basis (offer is good through Tuesday, Nov. 7). Call 505-984-8759 and let them know you are part of the United Church of Santa Fe for this special offer. Concert info at [performancesantafe.org/event/](http://performancesantafe.org/event/).

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