

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

**The United Church of Santa Fe
A United Church of Christ**

**February 16, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

For Reflection:

Twasn't me, 'twas the Lord! I always told Him, 'I trust to you. I don't know where to go or what to do, but I expect You to lead me,' an' He always did.

Harriet Tubman (1822 – 1913)
Conductor on the Underground Railroad, Abolitionist, and Social Activist

Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week or one year. Ours is not the struggle of one judicial appointment or presidential term. Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part.

John Lewis (1940-2020)
Civil Rights Leader and long-time U.S. Representative from Georgia

WE GATHER

(May the first note of the Prelude be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.)

Gathering Music

*Sonata in D Minor "Tempest" III. Allegretto
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Ludwig van Beethoven
17th c. French/arr. Ken Medema

*Introit

Christ, Be Our Light (2x)
*(*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Bernadette Farrell

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark-ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gath-ered to - day.

Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

*Sharing God's Gifts and Regathering in Song

Christ, Be Our Light (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Built on a Rock

Nicolai Grundtvig

The Call to Worship from Psalm 46 (**congregation in bold**)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob, Rachel, and Hagar is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob, Rachel, and Hagar is our refuge.

*Hymn

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You Are Salt for the Earth (1-3)

Marty Haugen/Bring Forth

WE PREPARE

*A Prayer of Invocation (unison)

We praise you, O God, that by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have delivered us from the power of death, making us alive to serve you. Free us from pride of self that we may live in community with one another and with all your people. Free us from fear of principalities and powers of this world that we may live and speak with courage, guided by your Spirit. Keep us rooted and grounded in your love, and fill us with the power of your Spirit. Be glorified in our life together that all people might see your love and your hope in their lives. Amen.

*A Time of Silent Prayer

*The Affirmation of God's Presence

*Our Song of Praise

You Are Salt for the Earth

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*We are a blessed and pilgrim people, bound for the reign of God.
Love our journey and love our homeland, love is the City of God!
Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

(During the song, children are invited to Children's Ministry with Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz.)

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

Jesus' Teaching to the Disciples

Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

Hymn 407

How Firm a Foundation (1-3)

Foundation (early U.S. melody)

Sermon

God's Love: Sturdy Against the Storm

Silence

Musical Response

The Chief Cornerstone

Bradley Ellingboe

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer *(please pray any version of the Lord's Prayer)*

Offering the Gifts God has Given Us

Master, the Tempest is Raging

H.R. Palmer/arr. Susanne Bashford

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All that we have and all that we are comes from your gracious hand, O Lord. Bless these gifts we offer this day. Use them and use our lives so that all people might know your love and hope. Amen.

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn 436

God of Grace and God of Glory (1-3)

Harry E. Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction 436

God of Grace and God of Glory (4-5)

Harry E. Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone the Glory!

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!

We're glad you've joined in worship this morning, and we hope you found both the service and community engaging and enriching. We invite you also to join in the weeks ahead as together we "love God, Neighbor, and Creation." For more information about United, please visit our website unitedchurchofsantafe.org. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Michelle Schumann, Pianist; Alexander Hardin, Trumpet; Sam Elkind, Liturgist; Elijah Marquez, Social Media Coordinator with volunteer Frank Wilbanks, Videographer; and Greeters Trudy Swint, Tom Stewart, Diane Darby, Pam Hyde, Karen Wilbanks, and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

Kids United Celebrate Prayer (10:00)

United's Kids begin the service with the congregation, then go to Children's Ministry to "Learn to Pray for Others" and make prayer bracelets for others, with Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz.

Adult Forum Series: *Reading Bonhoeffer in 2025 America* Today and Sunday, March 2 (11:15 – Education Wing)

This Forum, led by Bonhoeffer Scholar Larry Rasmussen, continues the discussion of Bonhoeffer's essay, *After Ten Years*, his account of German fascism and what its resisters learned. Handouts available in the Community Room and at unitedchurchofsantafe.org/additional-forum-material.

Congregational Mid-Winter Budget Meeting – Next Sunday, February 23 (11:15 am)

Join the Congregational Budget Meeting! Learn how United funds all of our ministries, from children and youth to worship and music to outreach and maintaining the building and grounds. We'll also discuss (and hopefully, approve :-)) the proposed 2025 United Ministries Budget (copies available in the Community Room). Thank you in advance for your participation!

Sign Me Up! A Family Friendly Musical Event

This Afternoon – 3:00 pm – African American Performing Arts Center, Albuquerque

Bring the whole family to this celebration of gospel music and spirituals presented by Coro Lux, Bradley Ellingboe Artistic Director. Special ticket price for children ages 5-14. Children under 5 get in free. For tickets and information: tickettailor.com/events/corolux. (Tickets also at the door.)

Talitha Arnold Interviews Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber – 6:00 pm Tomorrow on KSFR (91.1)

Talitha Arnold is the co-host of KSFR's weekly "Forum" on Monday evenings at 6:00. Tomorrow's guest is Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber. Tune in! (If you miss tomorrow's show, it will be archived for two weeks on the KSFR website.)

Groups This Week – All Welcome!

Wednesday, 10:00 am – **Women's Study Group** explore Tiya Miles' *Wild Girls*. (Cheryl Morton, 515-240-0108)

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – **Sanctuary Choir** (unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com)

Thursday, 8:00 am – Zoom Study of the **Gospel of Mark** (register: unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)

Friday, 9:30 am – **Chop & Grate** to prepare casseroles for the shelters

Friday, 5:30 pm – **"Soup's On!" Family Night** (see below)

Sunday, 11:15 am – **Midwinter Congregational Budget Meeting**

SOUP'S ON! FAMILY NIGHT

This Friday, Feb. 21 – 5:30 pm

All United families, individuals, couples, adults, kids, youth are invited to join in the "Soup's On!" Family Night. Bring a family-sized can or cans of soup for the Food Depot. United provides lasagna salad, bread, and dessert—and special activities and games. Sign up at church or by email: unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

AT UNITED, WE SEEK TO "LOVE GOD BY LOVING NEIGHBOR" . . .

Support for California Fire Relief, hope for Ukrainian, Gazan and Sudanese refugees, reducing our carbon impact, emergency funds for our Diné/Navajo neighbors, and more! [Unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) has ways to help. Thank you!

AND TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING CREATION. . .

Care for Creation and Offset Your Carbon Use

United's "Carbon Offset Program" helps plant trees and advocates for policies to address climate change. Track your car mileage and/or plane flight hours, then donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and *Tree New Mexico*. Info: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care.

Compost Collection – It's a Miracle!

United contracts with Reunity Resources to turn compostable products (e.g., food waste, meat scraps, etc.) into life-giving compost. Compostable garbage bags at the church (**NO** plastic bags, please), fill them at home, and bring back to put in the green bin by the Children's Garden. (Also at church, **please put coffee cups and napkins in compost cans in the Community Room.**)

Day of Centering Prayer and Shared Silence – Saturday, March 1 (9:30-3:00) at United

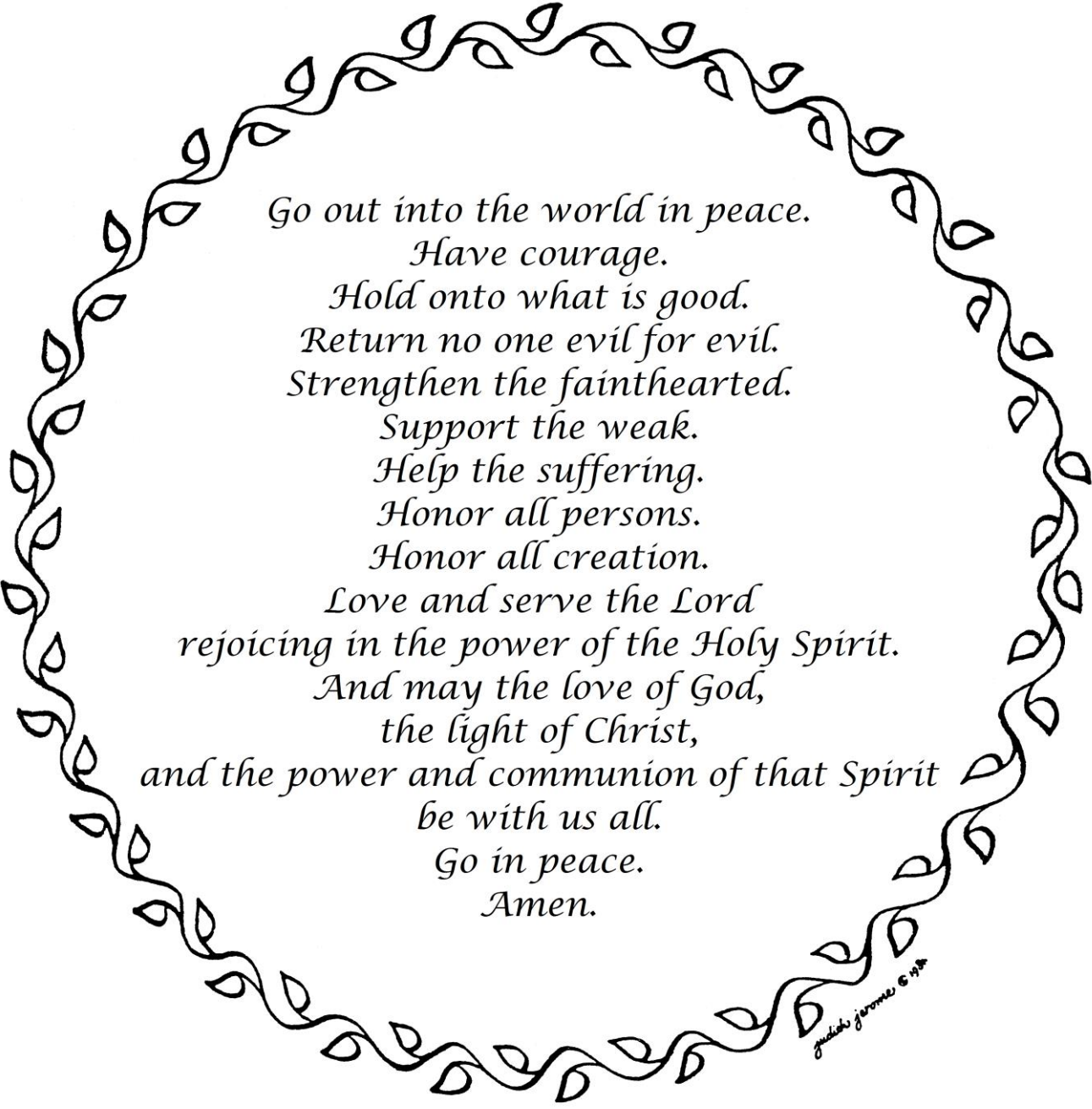
Contemplative Outreach of New Mexico hosts a day of centering prayer and silence in the Education Wing. Silence, solitude, solidarity and service are the cherished depositions that Centering Prayer practitioners aim to embrace. Contemplative Outreach of New Mexico is part of a world-wide network striving to bring this ancient Christian prayer practice out of the monastic milieu to those in our contemporary society. More info at centeringnm.com.

**Nuclear Disarmament Study and Action Group Meeting – Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 (6:00 pm)
Santa Maria de la Paz and United Church of Santa Fe – Our Lady of Peace Room**

Join with members of Santa Maria de la Paz, United Church, and others to learn more about what the group is doing and to discern if God is calling you to this work of peace. For more info, please contact: Fr. Earl Rohleder (505-690-9302, earlrohleder@yahoo.com); Jackie Dulle (505-690-3013, santafejackie@gmail.com); or David Dennedy-Frank (505-795-1398 or dennedyfrank@gmail.com).

Can You Help Hang a Banner? Arrange Flowers? Carry a Ladder?

If your answer is “yes,” the Sacred Space Team welcomes—and needs—you! They’re the great group who arrange the Sanctuary. They welcome your help either monthly or seasonally. Let them know you’d like to help! (Donna Clark, 505-490-9840; Chisty Jones, 505-204-6867, Cindy Knox, 620-966-1822)



*Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage.*

*Hold onto what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.*

Support the weak.

Help the suffering.

Honor all persons.

Honor all creation.

*Love and serve the Lord
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*And may the love of God,
the light of Christ,
and the power and communion of that Spirit
be with us all.*

Go in peace.

Amen.

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