

A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
for  
REFORMATION SUNDAY

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE  
A United Church of Christ

October 29, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

*God is already here.*

**For Reflection:**

From the beginning of my Reformation,  
I have asked God to send me neither dreams, nor visions, nor angels,  
but to give me the right understanding of the Word, the Holy Scriptures;  
for as long as I have God's Word, I know that I am walking in God's way  
and that I shall not fall into any error or delusion.

Martin Luther

**WE GATHER**

Gathering Music

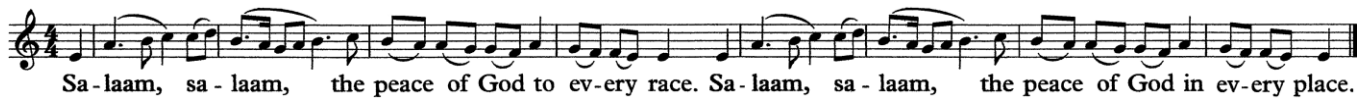
*How Beautiful*  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein' Feste Burg)*

Twila Paris/arr. Lloyd Larson  
Martin Luther

\*Introit

**Salaam, Salaam** (2x)  
(\*Please rise in body or spirit.)

Manal Samir



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Welcoming of Visitors and Sharing of Our Life Together

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

Breathing in and Sharing God's Gifts *Blessing for this Blessed Day!*

Regathering and Breathing in God's Gifts Again **Salaam, Salaam** (1x)

Manal Samir

Musical Call to Worship *God's Son has Set Me Free* Edvard Grieg

The Call to Worship from the Psalms (congregation in bold)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**And the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.**

The Lord is our strength and our song; the Lord has become our salvation.

**And the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.**

We shall not die, but we shall live, and proclaim the deeds of the Lord.

**For the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.**

Come, let us give thanks to the Lord!

\*Hymn

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

Harry Emerson Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

## WE PREPARE

A Prayer of Invocation by Howard Thurman (20<sup>th</sup> c. African American Theologian)

O Holy God,  
**open unto us  
light for our darkness,  
courage for our fear,  
hope for our despair.**

O loving God,  
**open unto us  
wisdom for our confusion,  
forgiveness for our sins,  
love for our hate.**

O God of peace,  
**open unto us  
peace for our turmoil,  
joy for our sorrow,  
strength for our weakness.**

O generous God,  
**open our hearts  
to receive all your gifts,  
to be the people you need us to be,  
to do the work you need us to do. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Our Song of Praise

**God of Grace and God of Glory**  
*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.*

H. E. Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

\*Blessing Children for Their Journey

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**  
(as they leave for Children's Ministry)  
*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Welsh Melody

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## WE ENGAGE

From the History of the Hebrews (**cong. bold**)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then *Moisés* went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and *el Señor* (the Lord) showed him *toda la tierra* (the whole land) . . . *el Señor* said to him, "*Esta es la tierra* of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants;' I have let you see it *con tus ojo* (with your eyes), but you shall not cross over there."

Then *Moisés* the servant *del Señor*, died there *en la tierra de Moab* (in the land of Moab), at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley *en la tierra de Moab*, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. *Moisés* was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; *su vista* (his sight) was unimpaired and *su vigor* (his vigour) had not abated. The Israelites wept for *Moisés* in the plains *de Moab* for thirty days; then the period of mourning for *Moisés* was ended. . . .

Never since has there arisen *un profeta* (a prophet) in Israel like *Moisés*, whom *el Señor* knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that *el Señor* sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that *Moisés* performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hymn 423

**Great Is Your Faithfulness** (1 - 2)

Thomas Chisholm/Faithfulness

Sermon

*Steadfast Love, Steadfast Life*

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Jeremy Bakken

## WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior (*Please pray any version of the Lord's Prayer.*)

## WE GO OUT IN PEACE

\*Hymn 439

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Martin Luther/Ein' Feste Burg

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

*Kyrie Eleison* (3x)

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



***Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone the Glory!***

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### ***WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH!***

We're glad you've joined us for worship this morning and invite you to join in other ministries and programs of the church. Please go to our website ([unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)) for more information. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; the United Choir; Rev. Marti Baumer and Blanca Surgeon, Liturgists; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were welcomed by Louise Cavatta, Trudy Swint, Blanca Surgeon, Diane Darby, and Pam Hyde. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide.

### ***Today's Adult Forum: Founding Minister Rev. Marti Baumer – (11:15 am)***

In 1979, the United Church of Christ called Rev. Marti Baumer to start a new UCC church in Santa Fe. Meet her today and learn the challenges and opportunities of those early years and her hopes for our future.

### ***WE INVITE YOUR MORNING OFFERING***

Your morning offering, along with regular pledges, makes possible the abundant life and ministry of the United Church. As you leave, please take a moment to leave your offering in the Community Room plates. Thank you!

### ***Children Learn about Moses' Mask – and Make Their Own (during 10:00 Worship)***

### ***Make Tracks and Find Treats (After 10:00 service)***

Kids of all ages are invited to take a walk around the church and find tables of treats—two days before Halloween!

### ***When Uncertainty is a Sure Thing:***

### ***Care for Creation on Reformation Sunday***

**Oct. 29—3:00 pm—First Presbyterian Church**

United's Larry Rasmussen is the keynote speaker for a time of worship, reflection, and call to action on behalf of God's good Earth. Sponsored by First Presbyterian's "Earth Keepers," the event is free and all are welcome.

### ***Women's Study Group – Wednesday, November 1 (10:00 am)***

All women welcome. We begin reading Gwendoline Brooks' *Horse*. Pick up book schedule in the Community Room or contact Barbara MacPhee ([macphee.b@gmail.com](mailto:macphee.b@gmail.com)).

### ***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.

### ***Adult Forum: A Life of Faith and Song – Next Sunday, Nov. 5 (11:15 am)***

Our special weekend guest, composer and pianist Ken Medema, shares more of his journey of faith and life. What has given him hope? What does the Christian faith mean to him? How has his faith changed over his life? Join in the conversation!

### ***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!

### ***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!

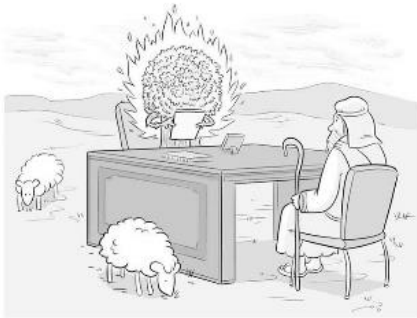
***How Beautiful to Give Thanks!***  
**2024 Campaign for United**  
**Concert with Ken Medema – Next Sat. Nov. 4 (4:00 pm – with dessert at 3:00 pm)**  
**10:00 Worship Service, Sun., Nov. 5**  
**(Both Saturday concert and Sunday Service in-person and livestreamed)**  
**Bring Friends!**

United's annual Stewardship Drive has a new look—and sound—this year, thanks to Brad Ellingboe's musical connection with composer and pianist Ken Medema. Ken'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. On Sat. Nov. 4, Ken offers a concert of his music, including songs he will make up on the spot from *your* stories. We'll also offer our own pledges of support for United's future. We hope you'll join in both the 3:00 pm dessert and the 4:00 concert for all ages! (Ken will also be our guest in the 10:00 Sunday service and the Sunday Forum that follows.)

To help us plan, please let us know if you can come to the Dessert and Concert by emailing [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com) or calling 505-988-3295.

**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.

**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:00 am.**  
**Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, Nov. 4.**



"Where do you see yourself in forty years?"



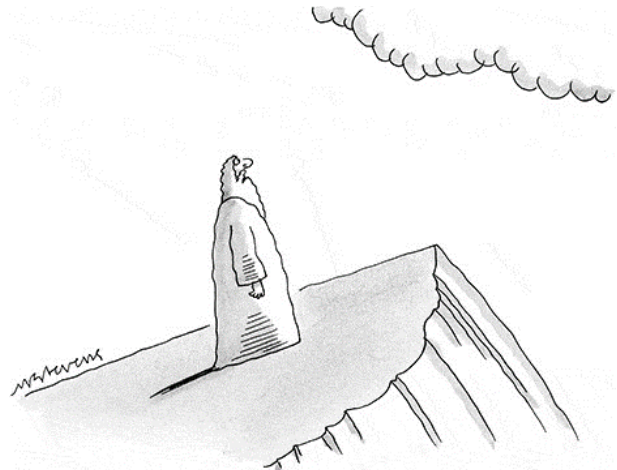
"Is there a section at the bottom for comments?"



"Maybe we don't let him see the other golden animals."



"I hope this isn't meant to be a criticism of our current life style."



"They broke all the Commandments. Can they have some more?"