

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

A MULTI-COLORED PENTECOST CELEBRATION
OF
ALL CREATION

May 31, 2026
10:00 A.M.



For Reflection:

The earth is charged with the grandeur of God,
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil, . . .
And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

God's Grandeur, Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844 – 1889)

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

*The Awakening
Spirit of the Living God*

Chris Urquhart & Leonard Bernstein
Iverson/arr. Alexander

*Introit

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (2x)
**Please rise in body or spirit.*

African American Spiritual

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

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

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (1x)

African American Spiritual

Musical Call to Worship

Pentecost Hymn

Edvard Grieg

The Call to Worship from the Prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

**God has sent us to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

To grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead
of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit;

That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that God may be glorified.

Let us sing praise to God!

*Hymn

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts/Ellacombe

WE OPEN TO GOD'S SPIRIT

In a Prayer of Invocation (attr. to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, adapted from a prayer by Sir Francis Drake)

Disturb us, O Lord,
**when we are too well-pleased with ourselves,
when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,
because we sailed too close to the shore.**

Disturb us, O Lord,
**when, with the abundance of things we possess,
we have lost our thirst for the water of life;
when, having fallen in love with time,
we have ceased to dream of eternity;
and in our efforts to build a new earth,
we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim.**

Stir us, O Lord,
**to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas
where storms show Thy mastery,
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
In the name of the One who pushed back the horizons of our hopes
and invited the brave to follow. Amen**

In a Time of Silent Prayer

Anthem

Like a Mighty Stream

Moses Hogan

*In Song

From All that Dwell below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, let God the Spirit free each tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD AND A *RUACH* (SPIRIT)-FILLED CREATION

Word of Introduction

Rauch – Spirit – Breath – Wind

The Spirit at the Beginning of Creation

Genesis 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a *ruach* (wind/spirit/breath) from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Breathing in God's Spirit

The Spirit as the Breath of Life

Genesis 2:4-7

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, ... then the Lord God formed '*adham* (human) from the '*adhamah* (earth) of the ground and breathed into its nostrils the *ruach* (breath) of life, and the '*adham* became a living being.

Hymn of the Spirit

Spirit, Now Live in Me

Bryan Jeffery Leech

The Spirit as Wind

Psalms 104:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the *ruach*;
you make the *ruachs* your messengers.

Silence

The Spirit as Water

Isaiah 44:1-4

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
do not fear, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land
and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my *ruach* upon your descendants
and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like grass,
like willows by flowing streams.

Silence

Hymn 313 *Like a Tree beside the Waters* (1-2) James Martin/Silver Creek (Roy Hopp)

The Spirit as a Bird

Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the *Ruach* descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Hymn 270 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* (1-2) Carl P. Daw, Jr./Bridegroom (Peter Cutts)

Silence

The Spirit of God Upon All Humanity

The Prophet Joel 2:28-32 and the Acts of the Apostles 2:17-118

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my *Ruach* upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young ones shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams.
Even upon those who are enslaved, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my *Ruach*; and they shall prophesy."

Final Reflection

Silence

Musical Reflection 17 *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing* (1-4) Francis of Assisi/Lasst Uns Erfreuen

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of our Savior (*please pray any version*)

Invitation to the Offering and Offertory

Holy Spirit

Torwalt/arr. H. Sorenson

Prayer of Dedication

God of all peoples and places, when you pour out your Spirit, amazing things can happen. So we pray, pour out that powerful Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives so that the miracle of your love and compassion can be made real in this world. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (vs. 1-3) Jeffery Rowthorn/Hyfyrdol
(*insert*)

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (v. 4) Jeffery Rowthorn/Hyfyrdol

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. Again, welcome!

Kids United – Today

Kids of any age will join Family Ministry Director Dana Bender as we begin singing our way through the summer. Each week Kids United will explore music through singing and playing instruments, as well as tending to the Children's Garden.

TODAY—AND BEYOND—AT UNITED

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor; Michelle Schumann, Pianist/Director of Music; Heather Lacy, Soloist; the Sanctuary Choir, directed by André García-Nuthmann; Bruce Turnquist, Dana Bender, Steve Hamilton, and Nyla Rasmussen, Liturgists. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Rosemary Thompson, Blanca Surgeon, Dona Cook, Pam Hyde; and Sunday Aide Susana Vital. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service.

Breakfast Burritos, Brunch, and Beautiful Music!

Good food, great company, and the blessing of live music offered by the “United Pickers” (as in guitars, mandolins, banjos—organized by Bill Whitney). A good time for all ages – and a chance to meet and make new friends! ***And what’s a brunch without dessert . . . “Tongues of Fire” Cupcakes!!*** (Made by *Kids United*—with help from some adults, too.)

LOVE NEIGHBOR, CREATION

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).

What Does the Bible Really Say about Forgiveness? – Zoom Study Group

Next Thursday, June 4, 7:00 – 8:00 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. (Next Thursday – June 4 – the class meets at 7:00 am due to Talitha’s schedule, but generally meets at 8:00 am MDT).

The Border Stories

Next Sunday’s Forum with Dr. Yolanda Leyva, University of Texas – El Paso

Dr. Leyva, Chicana and Fronteriza historian and writer, is a nationally known Professor Emeritus of History and Director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at UTEP. Her June 7 Sunday Forum will focus on present immigrants’ oral histories from the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez and Borderlands communities. She’ll also share some of her own life experience in the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez region, and the climate there now around immigration issues. It’s an honor to welcome her to United.

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 *Tree New Mexico*. Info: <https://www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care>.

“United Church Night” at Fuego Baseball Game!

Friday, June 5—5:30 pm (sign up by this Wednesday, June 3)

Join your United community to cheer Santa Fe’s hometown baseball team, the Fuegos. We’re sponsoring the game—throwing out the first pitch, meeting the players, getting discounted tickets with United Church highlighted all through the game. Tickets: \$7 (33% off!); families with kids free. You can also help underwrite family tickets by including a donation with your ticket purchase. Sign up at church or email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. Friends are welcome, of course!

Drop-in for Choir Once a Month this Summer (Starts Next Sunday, June 7)

Come at 9:00 to rehearse a simple anthem and then sing in the 10:00 service. The first one is next Sunday, June 7 (also July 12 and August 9). Interested? Please contact Dir. of Music Michelle Schumann (unitedchurch.michelle@gmail.com)

Love in Action Arts Camp – United Church – June 15-19 (9:00 to 3:00)

Looking for a fun and valuable day camp for elementary-age children? Sign up for United’s *Love in Action Arts Camp*! **The cost is \$125 per camper for the entire week and includes lunch and snacks.** (Scholarships also available.) Children will explore kindness, belonging, and caring for the earth through biblical stories, music, art, drama, photography, cooking, and more! We have a robust and talented group of leaders for this camp. Please go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](https://www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to register! Questions? Please contact Director of Family Ministry Dana Bender (unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com).

Get to Know Santa Fe – Study Group

If you’d be interested in a book study group focused on Santa Fe’s history, culture, “challenges and opportunities,” please let us know at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

Day Trip to Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum – Wednesday, July 1 – 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

In 1864, the U.S. Army drove the Navajo/Diné people from their homeland in New Mexico and Arizona to Ft. Summer in Bosque Redondo. The Long Walk of the Navajo is a hard truth of our nation’s history. The Wednesday before the U.S. 250th anniversary, United offers a day trip to the Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum. We’ll leave at 7:30 am, tour the museum and site, have lunch, then return. Sign up in Com. Room or at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. Info: Talitha Arnold.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

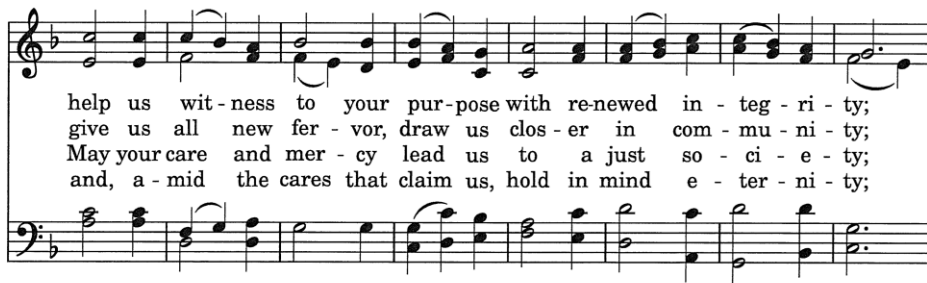
Jeffery Rowthorn/Hyfrydol



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."
3. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther, what they do for - give."
4. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the end."



Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion and the gos - pel go un - heard,
That the world may trust your pro - mise, life a - bun - dant meant for each,
Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure all that you so free - ly give.
Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,



help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
give us all new fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
May your care and mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



with the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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30-Voice Youth Choir, Opera Singers, and More Musically This Summer at United

Today is the Sanctuary Choir's last Sunday before the summer break, but there's still a lot of great music going on in summer Sunday worship at United!

- June 14, we welcome **Pianist Jacquelyn Helin** as Michelle is away. In the Sunday Forum, **Opera scholar Desiree Mays** explores "Love, Tolerance, and Otherness" in the new Santa Fe Opera, *Lili Elbe*.
- June 21, along with Pianist Jacquelyn Helin, we welcome the **30-voice Matins Youth Choir** of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Ames, Iowa!
- **Drop-in choirs** are offered June 7, July 12, and August 9. Come at 9:00 to rehearse and sing at 10:00.
- July 5, our **Outdoor Celebration of the U.S. 250th Birthday** features American folk music, offered by the **United Pickers** (i.e., guitarists, mandolinists, and banjo players).
- And throughout the summer, we welcome **Opera Apprentices** from the Santa Fe Opera!

So stay tuned—and spread the word and invite friends!