

**A Service of Word and Sacrament  
for the Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**

**May 3, 2026  
10:00 A.M.**

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

**For Reflection:**

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which Christ blesses all the world...  
Christ has no body now but yours.*

Teresa d'Avila (Spanish nun and mystic, 1515 - 1582)

**WE GATHER**

Gathering Music/Prelude

*Sonata in E-flat: Adagio  
A New Commandment*

W.A. Mozart  
Alan Bullard

\*Introit

***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*** (2x) Archbishop Desmond Tutu/John Bell  
*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;  
light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death.  
Vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours through God who loves us.  
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Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

Sharing God's Good News

***Christ is Risen ! Risen indeed!***

***Christós anésti. Alithós anésti!***

***Beauty is restored! Restored indeed!***

Regathering

***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*** (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

*Laudate Dominum*

W.A. Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi; Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia  
ejus et veritas Domini manet in æternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in pricipio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum Amen.*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise the Lord, all ye peoples. For God has bestowed loving kindness upon us,  
and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Call to Worship (cong. bold)

Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair. ¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!

**¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!**

Praise God, who gathers up fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities.

**¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!**

Praise God, who laid the foundation of the earth and all the children of God shouted for joy!

**¡Alabamos a Dios, quien da vida!**

People of God, come. Open your hearts and lives to the One who brings new life!

\*Hymn

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*As We Gather at Your Table*

Carl P. Daw/Sacred Harp

## WE PREPARE

Call to Prayer

*Jesus Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

A Prayer of Invocation

In your name, O Lord, we gather this day. Open us to your Spirit among us.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.**

Give us voices to sing your praise and hearts to trust your presence.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.**

Forgive us for the harm we have done and the good we have left undone. Remind us always there is more wholeness in you than brokenness in us.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.**

Fill us with your hope, feed us with your love, and guide us by your Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.**

Then from this gathering, send us into your world that we might offer your love to others, strive for justice and peace, and respond to your word in our lives.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Señor, escúchanos.**

A Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God's Grace

\*Our Song of Praise

*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!***

*(During the hymn, children through 5th grade are invited to Kids United to start preparing the Children's Garden.  
There will be worms ☺ They (the children, not the worms) return for Communion.*

## WE ENGAGE

From Jesus' Last Teaching

John 14:1-12

[En la última noche de su vida,] Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "No pierdan la paz. Si creen en Dios, crean también en mí. En la casa del Creador, hay muchas habitaciones. Si no fuera así, yo se lo habría dicho a ustedes, porque ahora voy a prepararles un lugar. Cuando me haya ido y les haya preparado un lugar, volveré y los llevaré conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes. Y ya saben el camino para llegar al lugar a donde voy".

Entonces Tomás le dijo: "Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas, ¿cómo podemos saber el camino?" Jesús le respondió: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Creador si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Creador "...

Le dijo Felipe: "Señor, muéstranos al Creador y eso nos basta." Jesús le replicó: "Felipe, tanto tiempo hace que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conoces? Quien me ve a mí, ve al Creador. ¿Entonces por qué dices: 'Muéstranos al Creador'? ... Créanme: yo estoy en el Padre y el Padre está en mí. Si no me dan fe a mí, créanlo por las obras."

[On the last night of his life,] Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In the Creator's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Creator except through me. If you know me, you will know my Creator also."...

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Creator, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Creator. How can you say, 'Show us the Creator'? ... Believe me that I am in the Creator and the Creator is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves."

Hymn 499

***Pues si vivimos*** (*In All Our Living*)  
(1<sup>st</sup> English verse; 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish verse)

Mexican Folk Hymn

Sermon

*The Many-Roomed One*

Silent Reflection

Musical Response 499

***Pues si vivimos*** (Spanish verse)

Mexican Folk Hymn

## WE RESPOND

Offering our Gifts

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

Scholtes/arr. Magel

Prayer of Dedication

**All that we are and all that we have comes from your gracious hand, O Lord. Use these gifts and use our lives so that all people will know that in your heart and at your table, there is room for all.**

Sharing the Gift of Communion

The Story of this Feast

The Invitation

*Amigos y amigas, vecinos y vecinas*, God calls us to this table to share *el pan y la copa*, signs of God's Resurrection and the power of God's love over the force of death. Therefore let us come to God's table, *no porque debamos*, not because we must,

**But because we may.**

Let us come, *no porque estemos completos*, not because we are whole,

**But because in our incompleteness, we stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.**

Let us come *no hacer una declaración ni expresar una opinión*, not to make a statement or express an opinion,

**But to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit.**

Let us come, *amigos y amigas, vecinos y vecinas*, as we are. This meal is offered for you and me that we might again know that in *Jesús Cristo*, our crucified and Risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling *toda la creación a nuestro Creador*. May our hearts and minds be opened to know *el Cristo Recusitado* in this bread, cup, and the world all around us.

Prayer of Blessing and the Lord's Prayer (*please pray any version*)

The Bread and The Cup

*(All are welcome to share in Communion. As your section is called, please come down the designated aisle, please come forward to receive the bread or a nongluten wafer. Then either dip the bread into the chalice or take one of the individual cups and return to your seat by the next aisle. Again, all are welcome!)*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, God, for all your gifts *de la vida*. Strengthen *nuestra fe* and increase *nuestro amor* for one another and all people. Most of all, give us the courage to trust your promise of Resurrection *en nuestras vidas* and the life of this world. Empowered by *el Spiritu*, fed by your love, lead us from this service into your world and this Easter season to be the people *de esperanza* and strength you call us to be. Amen.**

## WE GO IN PEACE

\*Hymn 347

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***

Fred Kaan/Jamaican Folk Song

When we sing the refrain, the first time is quiet (*p for 'piano'*). When we repeat it, it's strong (*f for 'forte'*).

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

***Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)***

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

## 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, today and in the week ahead. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Minister; Michelle Schumann, Music Director/Pianist; Dana Bender, Director of Family Ministries; Sanctuary Choir directed by André García-Nuthmann; Soloist Jennifer Perez; Dawn Williams Liturgist; Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez, and Media Volunteer Joe Jones. You were greeted by Tom Stewart, Don Duncan, Diane Darby, and Pam Hyde; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeault. The flowers on the table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Kathleen Jimenez, whose memorial service was yesterday.

### **Did Somebody Say Worms? (Kids United Today)**

In *Kids United*, children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go with Family Ministry Director Dana Bender, Volunteer Donna Clark, and Children's Ministry Assistants Maria Navarette and Destiny Muñoz to *Kids United* to prepare the Children's Garden with worms and compost. They (the children, not the worms) return to share in Communion.

### **ADULT FORUM SERIES**

#### ***The Climate: Social, Material, Moral-Spiritual***

#### **Sunday Forums: May 3 and 10 with Larry Rasmussen**

Led by Environmental Ethicist Larry Rasmussen (Professor Emeritus – Union Seminary), today's and next Sunday's forums address where we are with climate change and what our constructive responses might be.

#### ***The Social and Moral-Spiritual Climate (Today)***

Planetary climate change impacts society, and vice versa. We focus on the deep moral-spiritual challenges to Christianity, that began with the nation's founding and now find new intensity & influence in Christian nationalism.

#### ***The Climate at This Moment (May 10)***

Participants will sit as jurors for three cases rendering decisions about what should now be done for the comprehensive climate—social, moral-spiritual, and material.

### **Blessed by the Spirit, Sent by the Spirit**

#### **Celebration of the Journeys of Our Youth – Next Sunday, May 10**

On the last night, Jesus told his followers that they would not be left orphaned or alone. God would send the Spirit to help them remember his teachings and to bring them peace. Then Jesus said, "Rise and let us go"—into that terrible night. He also promised them that even without his physical presence, their lives would go on and God's Spirit would be with them. (John 14:25-31) A powerful promise for the Sunday we celebrate the multiple journeys of United's youth.

### **Coming Up This Week**

#### **Wednesday Women's Study Group – May 6 (10:00 am)**

We are honored to welcome writer Deborah Jackson Taffa, Director of the MFA creative writing program at the Institute of American Indian Arts, as we engage her memoir *Whiskey Tender*. All welcome. Please let us know if you would like to come, too! Cheryl Morton ([MomMorton@gmail.com](mailto:MomMorton@gmail.com)), Jenn Wynne ([home@wynnes.us](mailto:home@wynnes.us))

#### **Santa Fe River Cleanup – Next Saturday, May 9 (8:30-10:00 am)**

Help care for a corner of Creation where Closson St. ends at the river. Donuts, coffee, trash bags provided. Wear a hat, sunscreen, gloves. Grabbers also helpful. Sign up today; call 505-988-3295, or email [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). Thanks!

From supporting Santa Fe's Shelters to helping our Diné/Navajo kindred and to care for creation, United Church of Santa Fe offers multiple ways to "love neighbor, love creation." ***Go online to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to find more information and donate online (or send a check to 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, NM 87505).***

### **Looking Ahead**

#### ***Renewing the Covenant | 7th Sunday of Easter – May 17***

We are honored to welcome Rabbi Martin Levy of Temple Beit Tikva the Sunday before Shavuot (the Jewish celebration for renewal of the covenant) and Pentecost (the Christian celebration of our renewal through God's Spirit). Rabbi Levy and Talitha share a dialogue sermon on what it means to be covenant with God, neighbor, and creation. The giving of the covenant in the Book of Exodus (19:1-19, 20:1-14) serves as our guide.

#### ***Jewish in America 2026 (May 17)***

Following his dialogue sermon with Talitha, Rabbi Martin Levy of Temple Beit Tikva will share some of the spiritual, moral, and practical challenges facing Jews and their communities in this time in the U.S.

#### **Weekly Food Drive for The Food Depot**

To help Santa Fe children in the final days of school and heading into the summer, we invite your donations of non-perishable food for the Food Depot. Every public school has their own "Food Pantry" that parents, youth, and children can use for weekends and summertime when school isn't in session.

#### ***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](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to register! Questions? Please contact Director of Family Ministry Dana Bender ([unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com)).