

A SERVICE OF THE WORD
for
THE 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

October 22, 2023
10:00 A.M.

God is already here.

For Reflection:

The rabbi asked his students: “How do we know when the night is over and the day has arrived?” And the students pondered the rabbi’s question.

One answered: “Rabbi, night is over and day arrives, when you can see a house in the distance and determine if that’s your house or the house of your neighbor.” Another responded: “Night is over and day arrives when you can see an animal in the field and determine if it belongs to you or to your neighbor.”

A third offered: “Night is over and day has arrived when you can see a flower in the garden and distinguish its color.”

“No, no, no,” thundered the rabbi. “Why must you see only in separations, only in distinctions, only in disjunctions. No. Night is over and day arrives when you look into the face of the person beside you and you can see that she is your sister, he is your brother, that you belong to each other, that you are one. Then, and only then, will you know that night has ended and day has arrived.”

Edward Feinstein, *Capturing the Moon: Classic and Modern Jewish Folk Tales*

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

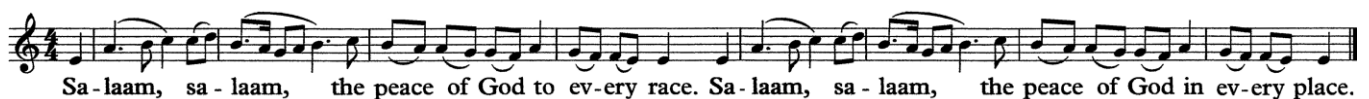
As the Deer
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Martin Nystrom/arr. Douglas Wagner
Lobe den Herren/arr. John Carter

*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 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Bradley Ellingboe

Call to Worship (**congregation in bold**)

The Spirit of God calls to us
With sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,
Claiming us,

Summoning us to become more than we now are;
Claiming us by name: God’s beloved.

*Hymn

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Immortal, Invisible (1-3)

Walter C. Smith/St. Denio

WE PREPARE

A Musical Call to Prayer

Show Us Your Ways

Walter Pelz (based on Psalm 25)

Silent Prayer

Spoken Prayer

Show us your ways, O God. Teach us in your path.

Reach out and guide us.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all day long.

Open our minds and guide us.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Open our hearts and guide us.

Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember us.

Restore our trust and guide us.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Grace

*Our Song of Praise

Immortal, Invisible

Walter C. Smith/St. Denio

*So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
All praise we now render as your angels do: In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.*

*Blessing the Children for Their Journey

Child of Blessing

Stuttgart

(During the hymn, children are invited to Children's Ministry.)

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With all blessing, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed,
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.*

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WE ENGAGE

From the History of the Hebrews (cong. bold)

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, **"See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people;' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."**

The Lord said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And Moses said in return, **"If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."**

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, **"Show me your glory, I pray."**

And the Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord;' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But", the Lord said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Hymn 289

Come Forth, O Love Divine (1-2)

Bianca da Siena/Down Ampney

Sermon

Show Your Ways, Show Your Face

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response 24

The God of Abraham Praise (1-2, 4)

Moses Maimonides/Leoni

WE RESPOND

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

Giving Thanks and Bidding Godspeed

Katherine Freeman and Marilyn Gardner

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley/Hyfrydol



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison (3x)

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone the Glory!

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) for more information. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Sam Elkind, Volunteer Treasurer; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; the United Choir; Guest Musicians Jesse Acker-Johnson, guitarist, and Jesse Tatum, flutist; Natalie Benham, Carlos Lee, and Russell Stowers, Liturgists; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were welcomed by Trudy Swint, Karen Wilbanks, Diane Darby, and Marilyn Gardner. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide.

Today we bid farewell and Godspeed to Katherine Freeman and Marilyn Gardner. They are moving to Arkansas to be closer to family. Please take time after the service to offer your blessing.

Today's Adult Forum: A Youth View from Abroad – (11:15 am)

We welcome foreign exchange students (Pietro Caldarera and Sev Kofler) who are living with Carlos Lee and Russell Stowers this year and attending Santa Fe High School. Pietro is from Spain, Sev is from Germany. They'll share what life as a teenager is like in their home countries—and what they see in the U.S.

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!

United's Children Love God, Neighbor, and Creation and take a Journey of Faith! **Sunday Mornings during 10:00 Worship**

Steven Spielberg and Marvel Comics have nothing on the Book of Exodus, the Bible's great story of people learning to live freely, in covenant with God, one another, and creation. Moses parts the Red Sea, water gushes from a rock, God sends manna in the desert, etc. etc. As kids find their role in God's great story, they learn how to care for others and all creation—just as God cared for the people in the wilderness. All kids—and friends—welcome!

Pretty Good Guys – This Wednesday, Oct. 25 (10:30 am)

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

Halloween Youth Night – Friday, Oct. 27 (6:00 - 8:30 pm)

Food, games, and s'mores to get ready for All Hallow's Eve.

Next Sunday's 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.

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.

***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.

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 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!

United's Carbon Offset Program Addresses Climate Change (and Climate Disasters)

When you drive or fly, mitigate the carbon you put into the air through United's "**Carbon Offset Program**" that supports climate advocacy of *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and hands-on work of *Tree New Mexico*. The math is easy. Flying: donate \$4 for every hour in flight; driving: donate \$4 per 1,000 miles. More info at: unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care.

BOOKKIDS in Santa Fe holds book giveaways in three Santa Fe public schools this fall (Pre K to 8th). Each child receives five free books. Volunteers welcome! (Diane Bethune: 845-240-4284 or dbethune647@gmail.com)

How Beautiful to Give Thanks!

2024 Campaign for United

Concert with Ken Medema – 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. We've sung Ken's music at United for many years (*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*; *The Tree Song*, etc.). It 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.)

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