

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The United Church of Santa Fe  
A United Church of Christ

June 9, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

## For Reflection

Prayer is a sacred space in which God invites us just to be –  
to be imperfect, to be messy, to be a ball of conflicting emotions,  
to be all of who we are this side of heaven.

Rachel Held Evans (1981 – 2019)  
Christian Columnist and Author

## WE GATHER

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

Gathering Music

*Allegretto con moto* from *Cello Concerto No. 1*  
(To continue in the spirit of worship, please hold applause.)

Camille Saint-Saëns

\*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 283

*Spirit of the Living God* (2x)

Daniel Iverson

The Call to Worship (congregation 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 the 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. Shout for joy and sing your praise to God.

\*Hymn

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*Joyful, Joyful* (1-3)

Henry van Dyke/Hymn to Joy

## WE PREPARE

\*A Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness. Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*A Time of Silent Prayer

\*Assurance of Pardon and Grace

\*Our Song of Praise

*Joyful, Joyful*

Henry van Dyke/Hymn to Joy

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.*

## WE ENGAGE GOD'S WORD

Two Stories of the Human Relationship to God

From the Primeval Story of the First Human Beings

Genesis 3:6-10

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to the man, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

From a Psalm in the Style of King David (c. 9<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E.)

Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down towards your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.  
On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul. . . .

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
The Lord's purpose for me will be fulfilled;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Hymn                      247                      *My Shepherd Is the Living God* (1-2)

Isaac Watts/Consolation

Sermon

*Soul Strength*

Silence

Musical Response      247                      *My Shepherd Is the Living God* (st. 3)

Isaac Watts/Consolation

## WE RESPOND

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

## WE GO IN PEACE

\*Hymn 77 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* John Fawcett/Sicilian Mariners

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction *Kyrie Eleison* Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

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

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### 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](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Again, welcome!

### 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!

Sharing leadership in today's service are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Louise Cavatta, Liturgist; Molly and Sam Elkind, Scripture Readers; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator with Frank Wilbanks, volunteer. You were greeted by Rosemary Thompson, Bruce and Char Cebell, Pam Hyde, Karen Wilbanks and Sunday Aide Luis Zapata.

Offering today's gathering music is Youth Cellist Jack Smucker who's been a part of United since he was a preschooler. He's played the cello for nine years and currently studies with James Holland, principal cellist in Santa Fe Pro Musica. He also plays in the Sierra String Quartet (four accomplished teen musicians from the Santa Fe Youth Symphony). Before starting this fall as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at SF Prep, he's broadening his musical horizons this summer by learning to play electric guitar.

### HELP OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME BE ECO-FRIENDLY

Please join in the time for fellowship, coffee, and snacks after today's service. And when you're done, please put used cups and napkins in the compost bin in the Community Room. Thanks to Reunity Resources, they'll be turned into great compost!

### PRAYING IN THE DIRT

#### Children's Garden Continues Today

"Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow." That's what United's children and youth are doing every Sunday this summer with the guidance of Gail Ansheles, Donna Clark, Maria Navarette, and others. The squash, tomatoes, and other vegetables from the Garden go to the Santa Fe Food Depot.

### Sunday Forums This Summer: *What's Ahead?* – Santa Fe Today and Santa Fe Tomorrow

#### Hank Hughes, Santa Fe County Commissioner – Today (11:15 am)

As we look to the future of our church, it's important to look to the future of the wider Santa Fe community. In our summer Forums, we welcome a variety of community leaders. Santa Fe County Commissioner Hank Hughes starts the series today. Hank is also former Executive Director of New Mexico Coalition for the Homeless. Join in and invite friends!

#### Pretty Good Guys – This Wednesday, June 12 (10:30-12:00)

All men invited to join in "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time," a classic book by Marcus Borg. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

#### *Resiliency and Hope: The Gospel of Mark* – Thursday Morning, May 23 at 8:00 (MT) on Zoom

Engage the Gospel of Mark, start to finish, using the United Church of Christ Study Guide (written by Talitha). Register/Info: [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). All welcome!

### **“Lightning Boy Hoop Dancers” – for All Ages!**

**Friday, June 21 – 7:00 pm**

The event features tribal youth from northern New Mexico. The Hoop Dance continues to be known as a healing art form and is said to have its origins in the Pueblos of Northern New Mexico. Bring a friend and enjoy this unique New Mexico offering! You can also pack a picnic supper and come early. All welcome—and bring friends!



## **LOTS OF WAYS TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS**

### **SANTA FE PRIDE PARADE—SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

United Church is marching in the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pride Parade!** Meet in the PERA parking lot (corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta) by 10:00. Wear your green United “Heart-Hands” T-shirt (you can buy one at the church) and a hat, sunscreen, and walking shoes. Bring a full water bottle. Sign up by Thursday, June 27 in the Community Room or at [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com). More info: Pam Hyde ([pshyde50@comcast.net](mailto:pshyde50@comcast.net)). Let’s show our United Pride! Thank you!

### **Summer Food (and Finance) Drive for the Food Depot**

If you have a garden at home, add an extra row and bring extra produce to United to go to the Depot. Or bring cans, boxes or packages of non-perishable food and also baby foods (powdered formula, cereal, jars) and diapers. Monetary donations welcome: online at [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) or check (memo “Food Depot”). Thank you!

### **It’s Time to Share—One Great Hour of Sharing**

Throughout the U.S. and around the world, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference. This summer, United invites your support for the ecumenical effort that impacts lives and addresses issues of poverty and access to education. Your gift can also be designated specifically for particular emergencies (e.g., earthquake relief, long-term development, or emergency needs for refugees on the U.S./Mexico border). Donate online ([unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)) or by check (memo: OGHS). Thank you!

### **Supporting Our Diné/Navajo Brothers and Sisters**

Your financial support for covid relief work (food and cleaning supplies) and masks continue to make a difference. Donations are sent to United’s long-time partner, the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

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## **AND TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING CREATION. . .**

### **Care for Creation and Offset Your Carbon Use**

United’s “Carbon Offset Program” helps plant trees and also advocates for policies to address climate change. It’s simple to do: Track your car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light and Tree New Mexico*. Info: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care](http://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 rich, life-giving compost. Pick up compostable garbage bags at the church (**NO** standard plastic bags, please), fill them at home, and bring back to put in the green bin by the Children’s Garden. More things in the compost bin means less in the landfill and less water use. Info at [reunityresources.com](http://reunityresources.com). (Also during the fellowship time after the service, **please put coffee cups and napkins in the compost can in the Community Room.**)

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### **United’s Endowment Cares for Creation — and Welcomes Our Neighbors!**

Summer is a great time to enjoy United’s Reflection Trail and Hozhoni Garden. People from around the neighborhood do it every day! Whether they live in the condos next door or the houses across Arroyo Chamiso, people of all ages—and their pets (including a cat or two) can connect with God’s creation.

Thanks to Legacy Gifts made to United years ago, the Church did a major landscaping project that is a blessing for the whole community. Thanks to recent Legacy Gifts to United’s Endowment, we can pay for regular landscape maintenance. That wouldn’t be possible without past members and friends who remembered United in their wills and other estate planning.

You can make a difference for United and our neighbors, too. For information on the Endowment Initiative or making a legacy gift, please contact Frank Wilbanks, Chair; Sarah Sawtell, Church Moderator; Talitha Arnold, Pastor; or an Endowment Initiative Committee member (Sam Elkind, Bob Ansheles, Ed Barker, Joe Jones, Caroline Burnett; Trudy Swint). Thank you!

For your protection, please do not leave valuables visible in your car. Please remember to always lock your car when attending services or events at United. Thank you!