

A MEMORIAL SERVICE
Giving Thanks for the Life of

TONY SAWTELL
1949 – 2025



August 29, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

(As you enter the Sanctuary, please enter into a time of silence to let the music help you prepare for worship. Also please turn off your cell phone completely. Thank you.)

Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

Prelude

Notturmo

Ottorino Respighi

The Promises of Faith

Psalm 146
Isaiah 25:6-9

Breathing in the Gifts Again

The Call to Worship from Psalm 121 (congregation in bold)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved, the God who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil, the Lord will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

*Hymn

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Joyful, Joyful

*(*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Henry van Dyke/Ode to Joy

WE PREPARE

The Journey to this Day

A Prayer of Invocation and Openness to God's Love and Strength

A Time of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

*Hymn of Hope

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For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott Pierpoint/Dix

WE REMEMBER

Remembering God's Promises

From the Hebrew Prophets

Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn . . . the fruit of my body?"
God has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Remembering Tony

Rev. Benjamin Larzelere

David Feldt

Hymn 418

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

Swiss Melody

Larry Maldegen

Fletcher Catron

Time of Silence

Rev. Talitha Arnold

An Affirmation from Christian Scripture

Romans 8:31-38

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril, or sword? ...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God made known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Time of Silence

Musical Reflection

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen/arr. Kyle Landry

WE RESPOND

The Prayer of Committal and the Lord's Prayer (*Please pray a version familiar to you.*)

*Hymn 436 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (1-3, 5) Harry Emerson Fosdick/Cwm Rhondda

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Benediction

*Postlude

Clair de lune

Claude Debussy

(Please wait until the family leaves the Sanctuary before exiting.)

Welcome and Thank You

Thank you for joining in this service. Your presence is a source of comfort and hope to Tony's family. Please also join in the reception hosted by United's Parish Life Team in the Community Room. It's an opportunity to continue the time of sharing and remembrances that we start in the service. And to continue sharing the memories, please join us at the Santa Fe Country Club on Airport Road/Country Club Road for more celebration of Tony. Thank you again for being here.

Sharing leadership are Pastor Talitha Arnold; Jacquelyn Helin, Pianist; and Sam Elkind, Liturgist. You were greeted by members of United's Church Council and Parish Life Team.

Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage.
Hold onto what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the suffering.
Honor all persons.
Honor all creation.
Love and serve the Lord
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And may the love of God,
the light of Christ,
and the power and communion of that Spirit
be with us all.
Go in peace.
Amen.

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