

A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT  
for  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE  
A United Church of Christ

September 25, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

For Reflection

“The individual Native person, therefore, carries a strong sense of being a child of God in covenant connection to all of the others in the nation. Jesus, as a “Son of the People,” walks behind the Spirit into the Wilderness, not as a single mystic going out for a private audience with God, but as the representative of the whole nation going out to speak to their parent God. It is crucial to remember these many layers of relationship in the Native tradition embodied by Jesus in order to fully appreciate the impact of what God shows him.”

Steven Charleston, Choctaw Elder/Episcopal Bishop

**WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!**

*We're glad you've joined in worship. Children and younger youth (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) share in the service through the opening hymn and then go to the Children's Ministry and Young Adventurers. Older Youth are invited to share in worship. Again, welcome!*

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

*Serenade from Schwanengesang  
On Eagle's Wings*

Franz Schubert  
Michael Joncas/arr. Douglas Wagner

\*Introit

***Come All You People***  
*(\*Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Alexander Gondo

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.  
Come now and worship the Lord.***

***Come all you people, come and praise the Most High. . . .***

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Welcoming of Visitors and Sharing of Our Life Together

Breathing in God's Gifts of Peace, Hope, and Love

Sharing God's Peace and Regathering ***Come All You People*** (1x)

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

*Thuma Mina*

trad. South African

A Call to Worship (congregation in bold)

People of God, look around and see. **Gente de Dios, miren y vean.**

**Gente de Dios, miren y vean.**

See the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers—a community of kindred hearts.

**Gente de Dios, miren y vean.**

See the faces of those we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

**Gente de Dios, miren y vean.**

See all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

**Gente de Dios, miren y vean.**

Come and see God in all the people of God. Let us worship together.



1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are  
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys - tery; we are the old, who  
 3. Here we re - ceive new life in the wa - ters; here we re - ceive the



van - ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through - out all of his - tory,  
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath - er us in, the  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in—the  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the



lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in; our spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and  
 rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in—the proud and the strong; give us a heart so  
 wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and



we shall a - wak - en; we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 meek and so low - ly; give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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## WE PREPARE

### \*A Prayer of Invocation

Eternal Spirit of the universe,  
 we thank you that you do not leave us alone  
 but place your word within us and in the midst of our life together.

**You are no statue made of silver or gold,  
 but a living reality on the face of the earth.**

Give us the courage and commitment  
 to let your winds blow through us and to let your life be revealed among us.

Empowered by your Spirit,  
**may we share our life together with joy,  
 care for the needs of your people,  
 bear witness to your love through our lives,  
 and praise you day by day.  
 We pray in your name. Amen.**

### \*A Time of Silent Prayer

### \*The Affirmation of God's Presence and Grace

### \*Our Song of Praise

## *Gather Us In*

Marty Haugen

*Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
 Here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.  
 Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
 Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of the love in our flesh and our bone.*

## WE ENGAGE

### A Reading from the Psalms of the Hebrews

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter *del Altísimo*  
(of the Most High),  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the Lord, "*Mi refugio* (My refuge) and my fortress;  
*Dios mío* (my God), in whom I trust."  
For *Dios* will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
*Dios* will cover you with pinions,  
and under *las alas de Dios* (God's wings)  
you will find refuge;  
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
You will not fear the terror *de la noche* (of the night),  
or the arrow that flies *por día* (by day)...

Because you have made the Lord *tu refugio*,  
*el Altísimo* your dwelling-place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.  
For God will command *los ángeles* concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
*En sus manos* (On their hands) they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone...  
*Cuando me llames* (When you call to me), I will answer you;  
*estaré contigo* (I will be with you) in trouble,  
I will rescue you and honor you  
With long life I will satisfy you  
and show you *mi salvación* (my salvation).

### The Sermon

*Needing Shelter, Needing Refuge*

A Time of Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

*Within Thy Grace*

Bradley Ellingboe

## WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*Please pray any version of the Lord's Prayer.*)

## WE GO OUT IN PEACE

\*Hymn

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*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Omer Westendorf/Welsh Folk Melody

\*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.

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## WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We hope you'll also join in the fellowship time after the service. If you're visiting today, we're glad you're here! Please take a moment to sign the guest register, too. Again, welcome!

### United's Children Love God, Neighbor, and Creation! Sunday Mornings during 10:00 Worship

Decorating cookies for our neighbors at the Arroyo Chamiso Fire Station. Hygiene Kits for our neighbors in Ukraine. Cards for our neighbors at the Mexico/U.S. border. This fall, United's children (through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) learn new ways to "love God, Neighbor, and Creation." All welcome—and bring friends! Today, they assemble casseroles for the guests of the Interfaith Shelter.

### Three (3) New Youth Groups

(Youth Minister Kate Murphy: [unitedchurch.kate@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.kate@gmail.com))

- **Young Adventurers (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) – *Wondering and Shaping*:** Sunday mornings during 10:00 worship to explore faith and help others and once a month for just plain fun (movie night, bowling, hikes, etc.).
- **Youth Initiates (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) – *Seeking and Questioning*:** The Initiates share in 10:00 worship and then meet at 11:15 to build a community through trust, truth, respect, and kindness. They'll learn it's safe to ask questions, express doubt, and begin to define beliefs about faith as it relates to the world. And have fun!
- **JAS Youth (Juniors and Seniors) – *Purpose and Integrity*:** Creating community. Created in God's image. Created with courage and compassion. United's Juniors and Seniors gather Sunday evenings (6:30 to 8:00) and for monthly service projects, fun nights, etc. etc. etc.

Sharing leadership are the Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Minister; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Jessie Lo, Pianist; the United Choir; Louise Cavatta and Pam Hyde, Liturgists; and Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator.

### We Invite Your Offerings

As you leave the service, we invite you to offer your tithes and gifts in the offering plate by the entrance. Your financial support of United makes possible this church's work in the community and the world.

### St. Francis Sunday, Pet Blessing, Outdoor Worship – Next Sunday (Oct. 2) at 8:30 & 10:00 am

“All praise be Yours through Brother Sun, Sister Moon,” proclaimed Francis of Assisi. He echoed the long-ago Psalmist who praised the Creator for creating everything from rocks and mountains to the rock badgers to live there. (Psalm 104) We too join that chorus of praise with all Creation—“Howl-lelujah!” Bring your pets (on a leash or in a carrier) for a blessing at the end of the service.



### Adult Forum: Desert Church Spirituality – Next Sunday (Oct. 2) at 11:15 am

A panel of United members share their reflections and experiences how learning to live with the desert impacts their faith. We also welcome nationally known author Amy Frykholm, introducing her new book—*Wild Woman: A Footnote, the Desert, and My Quest for an Elusive Saint*—on the Desert Mother, St. Mary of Egypt.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE PRESENTS

## Desert Church Spirituality

Sunday, October 2 | 11:15 AM | 1804 Arroyo Chamiso

A panel discussion with Linda Churchill, Amy Frykholm, Albert Natonabah, Juanito Jimenez, and Larry Rassmussen, hosted by Rev. Talitha Arnold.

For many, the desert is a destination for pilgrimage, or even a place of temptation, but to us the desert is *home*. Together, we'll consider how we live *with* the desert we dwell in.



### Pretty Good Guys – This Wednesday (10:30 am)

All men invited to join in this twice-monthly meeting. We'll gather outside (as weather allows) for fellowship and discuss a variety of topics based on the group's interests. (Greg Gaertner, 505-428-8910, [greg.gaertner@comcast.net](mailto:greg.gaertner@comcast.net))

### Sunday Morning Greeters Needed!

Please sign up to help greet and usher at the 10:00 am worship services. Look for the signup sheet in the Community Room. Questions? Please contact Diane Darby (816-260-0127, [ddarbysfm@gmail.com](mailto:ddarbysfm@gmail.com)).

### LOVE GOD, NEIGHBOR, CREATION

*Outreach Opportunities – Thank you!*

Go online to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) or send a check to 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe NM 87505.

### Interfaith Shelter Donations

The Interfaith Shelter needs Men's Clothing (pants, jackets, shirts); socks and underwear (men's and women's); razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hats, sunscreen, lotion, (new). Boxes in the Community Room. Thank you!

**At United, we seek to “Love God, Neighbor, Creation” in a whole lot of ways. . . .**

Support for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees, reducing our carbon impact, emergency funds for our Diné/Navajo neighbors, and more! Please go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) to find out how you can help.