

*Our Song of Praise

Joyful, Joyful

Henry van Dyke/Ode 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.*

*Blessing Children for Their Journey

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Welsh Melody

(Congregation sings as children leave for Children's Ministry. They return for Communion.)

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

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WE ENGAGE

From the Letters of Paul to New Christians

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hymn 283

Spirit of the Living God (2x)

Daniel Iverson

Sermon

By and By, Here and Now

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response

For This Joy

arr. Susan LaBarr

WE RECEIVE AND RESPOND

Sharing the Sacrament of Communion

Sharing the Gift of Communion (*All are welcome at the table.*)

The Story of this Feast

Giving Thanks to God and Welcoming One Another

Brothers and sisters, God invites us to this table and this holy feast to offer us new life and to help us share that life with one another.

We come to be renewed by God's spirit. We come to be transformed by God's love.

We come also to know a deeper communion with God, with one another, and with all creation.

**Therefore we welcome one another to this table and we open ourselves to receive God's gifts.
Thanks be to God! ;Gracias a Dios!**

The Prayer of Blessing

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(*All are welcome. As your section is called, please come down the designated aisle, receive the bread, then either dip it in a chalice or take a cup, and return to your seat by the next aisle. For a non-gluten wafer, please let the server know. Again, all persons, regardless of age or background, are welcome to share in this meal.*)

Congregational Communion Hymns (*to sing as people come forward*)

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Let Us Break Bread Together

African American

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I Come with Joy

Brian Wren/Dove of Peace

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As We Gather at Your Table

Beach Spring

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, that through this bread and cup and the blessing of your Spirit, you have given us the gift of new life. Let that same Spirit lead us into deeper communion with you, one another, and all your people. Now lead us into your world in courage and peace. Guide our feet and shape our lives that we might be the saints, pilgrims, and disciples you call us to be. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Hymn 433

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth/Promise

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Kyrie Eleison (3x)

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



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; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; the United Choir; Joshua Peterson, clarinetist; Blanca Surgeon and Bruce Turnquist, Liturgists; Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were welcomed by Blanca Surgeon, Dana Hollifield, Diane Darby, Pam Hyde. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Betsy Bueschel, United Church of Christ Pastor and former Moderator of the United Church of Santa Fe, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

Our Children Learn the Beauty of Giving Thanks, Too (during 10:00 Worship)

Guided by Caleb Omolo and Maria Navarette, our youngest ones also learn how to give thanks—and the beauty of living that thanks by caring for others. They're also getting ready to work on their "Epiphany Puppet Pageant!"

Stay after the 10:00 service today for "Coffee and Conversation."

Thank You for YOUR Pledges to HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO GIVE THANKS! Campaign for United 2024

What a wonderful gift singer, composer, pianist Ken Medema gave to United the weekend of Nov. 4/5! His music and presence showed us "How Beautiful It Is to Give Thanks" in a multitude of ways—and motivated over 120 friends and members to commit to "Campaign for United 2024!" Great gratitude for all who've organized United's stewardship work this fall and to all, near and far, who've pledged so generously. So far we've received 82 pledges for \$338,730. We'll make the \$550,000 goal with your help! You can mail your pledge USPS or send it via email. Also please consider the electronic debit/credit program. Email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com or call (505) 988-3295 for info and forms. Thank you and thanks be to God!

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!

Women's Study Group – Wednesday, November 15 (10:00 am)

All women welcome. We continue reading Gwendoline Brooks' *Horse*. For more information, contact Barbara MacPhee (macphee.b@gmail.com).

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.

Chop and Grate – This Friday, Nov. 17 (9:30 am)

Help prepare casseroles for the guests of Santa Fe's Shelters. All welcome! You can also help by making meat loaves at home and/or offering to shop or deliver the meals. Please contact Pat Roach to lend a hand (505-988-7357).

Family Supper Bags – This Friday, Nov. 17

Once a month, United provides a simple, possibly home-made, take-home supper for United families to help feed the bodies and souls of parents and kids. Please call the church (505-988-3295) by this Wed. to let us know if you'd like let one.

Immigration & Refugee Task Force invites you to

"A Million Miles Away"—Movie Night—This Friday, Nov. 17 (6:45pm)

Bring Friends and Family (rated PG). Based on a true story. Popcorn provided. Bring lawn or camp chairs.



Next Sunday is our "Thanks-Singing" service – a great day to bring friends!

Upcoming Adult Forums – Sundays at 11:15 am

Nov. 19 – *When the Holidays Are Different*

We share resources and ways to engage the holidays when life has changed (a move, a loss, a new time of life).

Nov. 26 – *Learning Hope, Knowing Care*

A documentary on *The Role of Faith Communities in Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention* (for which Talitha Arnold was a consultant) and a new Youth Ministry resource from National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

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!

**Calendars and Cards for Persons in Prison, Toiletries for Shelter Christmas Bags, "Socks-Giving"
Community Room Boxes for all items**

- Bring 2024 calendars and unused Christmas cards for men at Santa Fe's State Penitentiary.
- Individual size new toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush) for Christmas Bags the children assemble for guests of St. Elizabeth Shelter. (**No** mouthwash, medications, razors.)
- Donate new pairs of warm socks for children, women, men who are guests of SF Shelters.

United Goes to "Messiah" – Sunday, Nov. 19 – 4:00 pm

Three discounted tickets left for the Santa Fe Symphony and Chorus' concert of Handel's "Messiah" next Sunday. Please sign up or call the church by tomorrow, Monday, Nov 13. Several United members are singing.

A Memorial Service to give thanks for the life of Andy Ritch and commit his soul to God's eternal light will be Monday, Nov. 20, 10:00 am at United. All welcome.

Coro Lux – Bradley Ellingboe, Conductor – presents "A Candlelight Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque

Featuring the Oratorio Society, the Chamber Chorus, El Faro Youth Chorus, readings, and audience sing-alongs. (abqcorolux.org/tickets/)

Smith's Community Inspiring Donations Program

United receives a percentage on all purchases at Smith's when you use your Smith's *rewards* card at check out at no additional cost to you. To register your *rewards* card online, go to smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations, sign into your account, look for "Inspiring Donations Program", and type in "The United Church of Santa Fe." Thanks!