



The 50 Days of Eastertide

**A Service of the Word and Sacrament
for
The Third Sunday of Eastertide
April 14, 2024**

**The United Church of Santa Fe
A United Church of Christ**

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

*Introit

Zimbabwe Alleluia (2x)
**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Abraham Maraire



Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts of Peace, Hope, and New Life

*Sharing the Easter Proclamation from Christian and Navajo Traditions

"Christ is risen!" ("Risen indeed!") "Beauty is restored again!" ("Restored indeed!")

*Regathering and Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Zimbabwe Alleluia (2x)

Abraham Maraire

Welcoming of Visitors and Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

We Are Marching in the Light of God

trad. South African

The Call to Worship (congregation bold)

Sing praise to God, for God is good!

¡Aleluya! ¡Gracias por La Vida! ¡Aleluya!

Give thanks for friends and family, for church homes and all the ways God loves us.

¡Aleluya! ¡Gracias por La Vida! ¡Aleluya!

Give thanks for good, for bread and wine, and for all the ways God feeds us.

¡Aleluya! ¡Gracias por La Vida! ¡Aleluya!

Give thanks for all of life!

¡Aleluya! ¡Gracias por La Vida! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

*Hymn

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I Come with Joy (1-4)

Brian Wren/Southern Harmony

WE PREPARE

In a Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Almighty God our Creator, your generous goodness comes new to us each day. We give you thanks for the beauty of earth and sky, the richness of mountains, mesas, deserts and rivers, the abundance of the land, the joy of human love; and all the other blessings you bestow upon us. O God, you who are the giver of all good things, give us this day hearts and minds open to your Spirit. Give us the courage to let ourselves be renewed by your love and your Word. Give us the trust to be open to your wisdom and guidance so we might go forth from this time with hope for ourselves and for this world. We pray in your name. Amen.

In a Time of Silent Prayer and the Affirmation of Grace

*In a Song of Praise

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung! Let God the Spirit free each tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

WE ENGAGE

The Second Resurrection Experience in Luke's Gospel (cong. bold)

Luke 24:13 - 35 (cond.)

Now on that same day (that the women had found the tomb empty) two of the men were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "**Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?**" He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "**The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.**

"Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Reflection

The Road Away

The Story Continues (cong. bold)

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "**Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.**" So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?**"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. The disciples were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection

The Road Back Home

Time for Silence

A Musical Response

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

Sharing the Gift of Communion

The Story of this Meal

The Invitation to the Table (**cong. bold**)

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Savior that when he was at table with two of his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. From the east and the west, the north and the south, let us gather in spirit about the table of the Lord.

In company with believers in every time and beyond time, we join in this feast to know the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Prayers of Hope and Blessing and the Lord's Prayer (*Please pray any version.*)

The Bread and The 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.)

Communion Hymns	330	Let Us Break Bread Together	African American
	337	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether	Percy Dearmer/Union Seminary
	339	Adoro te devote (Eng. 1-3)	Thomas Aquinas/Plainsong

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, inviting us to your table and opening our eyes to your presence in the breaking of bread and sharing of cup. Help us also to see you at work in the world. Open our hearts to share in that life-giving work with you, loving this world as you so love. Amen.

WE GO IN PEACE

*Hymn 347 **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** (1-2) Jamaican Folk Song

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** Jamaican Folk Song

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE!

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Your presence enriches the experience of us all. We also invite you to join in our education and service offerings, today and in the week ahead. Again, welcome!

Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold; Dir. of Music Bradley Ellingboe; Pianist Jessie Lo; and the Sanctuary Choir. We also welcome as a liturgist the Rev. Pam Emslie, Associate Pastor for the Wellesley (Massachusetts) Village United Church of Christ congregation. Additional liturgists will be announced. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez and Frank Wilbanks are livestreaming the service. Luis Zapata is the Sunday Aide.

The sunflowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary (Missy) Noonan, whose memorial service was yesterday.

Along with Rev. Emslie, we welcome 30+ guests (youth and adult advisors) from the Wellesley Village United Church of Christ, joining us as part of their annual Immersion and Service trip to Santa Fe. It's great to have them join in worship once again!

Get to Know United – Today's Forum—11:15

Would you like more info about the United Church of Santa Fe—who we are, what we believe, what we do, how we're organized, etc., etc. All welcome! It's a great way to get acquainted!

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!

Women's Study Group – This Wednesday, April 17 (10:00 am)

All women welcome. We conclude our reading of Douglas Preston's *The Lost City of the Monkey God*. For more info, please contact the church office (505-988-3295).

Resiliency and Hope: The Gospel of Mark – Thursday Morning, April 18 at 8:00 (MT) on Zoom

Engage the Gospel of Mark, start to finish (don't worry – it's the shortest Gospel), using the United Church of Christ Study Guide (written by Talitha). Register/Info: unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. All welcome!

Support Santa Fe's Shelters

United Church provides full dinners monthly to Santa Fe Shelters. Join in **"Chop and Grate" this Friday at 9:30** to prepare casseroles for the Interfaith, Casa Familia and St. Elizabeth Shelters **and/or make meatloaves at home and/or help deliver on Monday, April 22**. Please contact Pat Roach to lend a hand: 505-988-7357 or proach102@comcast.net.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS – NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21

On the 4th Sunday of Eastertide and Earth Sunday, we welcome new members into United Church of Santa Fe. If you are interested in "officially" joining United, please speak with Rev. Talitha Arnold or Moderator Sarah Sawtell. Thank you!

Adult Forum: Earth Day Sunday – April 21

Take a walk around United (outside and inside) to learn how our church has cared for creation since it started!

Santa Fe River Clean Up – Saturday, April 27 (8:30-10:00 am)

Join us to care for our corner of Creation. Meet at Closson St. Pedestrian Bridge. We provide donuts, coffee, trash bags. You bring a hat, sunscreen, and gloves. Sign up in the Community Room or by email: unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. All Creation thanks you!

Volunteers Needed for BookKids

BookKids needs help with their book giveaway at the El Camino Real Academy **Monday-Thursday, April 22-25**. For more info and to help, contact Diane Bethune: dbethune647@gmail.com.

Youth/Adult Border Trip – Late May/early June (May 26/27 to 30/31)

Plans are in the works for an Intergenerational Border Trip to Arizona/Sonora (Mexico) the week of Memorial Day (leaving either that Sunday or Monday, returning Thursday or Friday). All middle and high school youth and adults are invited. If you're interested, please let Talitha know.

Love God, Neighbor, and Creation – Outreach Opportunities – Thank you!

Go online to unitedchurchofsantafe.org or send a check to 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe NM 87505.

United's Carbon Offset Program Addresses Climate Change

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.

Compost Collection for Creation!

Deposit compostable products in the green bin. Compostable garbage bags at the church (**NO** standard plastic bags, please). More info at reunityresources.com or call Melanie Lohmann (505-617-0700). Thanks.

Building a World without Nuclear Weapons – An Urgent Imperative Wed., April 24 (6:00 – 8:00 pm) at Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Church

Santa Maria de la Paz and United host a conversation on nuclear disarmament – religious, philosophical, political, and practical aspects of this complex issue, with suggestions for "Action Steps." Catholic Archbishop John C. Wester focused his 2022 Pastoral letter on *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*. United community invited to join the discussion at Santa Maria, Wed., April 24. Info: Avril Ekstrand (avrilekstrand@yahoo.com).

Desert Chorale's Santa Fe Sings! – Saturday, April 27 at United

United is proud to be the home of the annual choral workshop *Santa Fe Sings!*, sponsored by the Desert Chorale and led by their music director, Joshua Habermann. This takes place on Sat., April 27. Check-in and coffee hour begins at 8:45 am, and the workshop culminates in a 2:00 pm informal performance in our sanctuary. For more information or to register, go to: desertchorale.org/concerts-events/santa-fe-sings/.

Coro Lux Concert: An Afternoon at the Movies – Sunday, April 28, 4:00 and 6:00 pm

The *Coro Lux* Chamber Chorus (directed by Brad Ellingboe) presents "An Afternoon at the Movies" at 4:00 and 6:00 pm at **Albuquerque's Canteen Brewhouse (2381 Aztec Rd., NE)**. The program includes choral arrangements and audience sing-alongs of beloved songs from the movies. Tickets (\$10): abqcorolux.org/tickets/.

Coro Lux Concert: Carmina Burana – Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, 7:00 pm

Coro Lux, directed by Bradley Ellingboe, presents Carl Orff's epic cantata *Carmina Burana*, with professional soloists and dancers. (Dr. Jessie Lo is also a pianist for the concert) ABQ's St. Paul Lutheran Church. Tickets: abqcorolux.org/tickets/.