



THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ

A SERVICE OF THE WORD
4th Sunday of Pentecost
and Father's Day

June 21, 2026
10:00 A.M.



For Reflection:

We must remember the worlds
our ancestors traveled.
Always wear the songs they gave us.
Remember we are made of prayers.
Now we leave wrapped in blankets
of love and wisdom.

Luci Tapahonso, Navajo/Diné



WE GATHER

*(May the first note of the Gathering Music be a call to prayer and stillness as we prepare for worship.
Also, please turn off your cell phone upon entering the Sanctuary.)*

Gathering Music

You Raise Me Up

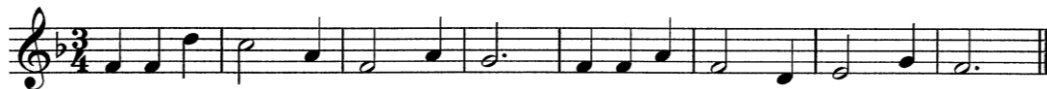
Lovland & Graham/arr. Larry Shackley

*Introit

Zimbabwe Alleluia (2x)

Abraham Maraire

**Please rise in body or spirit.*



Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words of Welcome and Breathing in God's Spirit of Peace, Hope, and Love

Sharing God's Spirit

May the Spirit be with you!

*Regathering and Welcoming Visitors

Zimbabwe Alleluia (1x)

Abraham Maraire

Breathing in God's Gifts Again

Musical Call to Worship

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

The Call to Worship from the Prophet Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary;
God's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Come, friends, let us sing our praise to the God of strength and life.

*Hymn

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts/Ellacombe

WE OPEN TO GOD'S SPIRIT

Musical Call to Prayer

Kyrie Eleison

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

In a Prayer of Invocation from the Lakota Tradition

O our Father, the Sky, hear us and make us strong.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O our Mother, the Earth, hear us and give us support.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O Spirit of the East, send us your Wisdom.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O Spirit of the South, may we tread your path of life.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O Spirit of the West, may we always be ready for the long journey.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O Spirit of the North, purify us with your cleansing winds.

Lord, teach us and show us the way.

O Spirit of all Creation, hear now our prayers spoken in the silence of our hearts.

In a Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

*In Song

Circle of Life (2x)

Marty Haugen

One great cir - cle of life, liv - ing cir - cle of love, plants and trees,
seas and ri - vers, and the bles - sed sky a - bove. Crea - tures great, crea - tures
small, one the web that weaves us all, in the cir - cle of life.

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WE ENGAGE

From the History of the Hebrews

Deuteronomy 32:7-14 (cond.)

Remember the days of old;
consider the years long past;
ask your parents, and they will inform you,
your elders, and they will tell you.
When the Most High apportioned the nations,
and divided humankind,
God fixed the boundaries of the peoples
and gave Jacob and his tribe their allotted share.
The Lord sustained them in a desert land,
in a howling wilderness waste;
God shielded them, cared for them
guarded them as the apple of God's eye...
As an eagle stirs up its nest
and hovers over its young,

as it spreads its wings, takes them up,
and bears them aloft on its pinions,
the Lord alone guided them...
God set them atop the heights of the land
and fed them with produce of the field;
God nursed them with honey from the crags,
with oil from flinty rock,
curds from the herd, and milk from the flock,
with fat of lambs and rams,
Bashan bulls and goats,
together with the choicest wheat—
you drank fine wine from the fruit of the vine.

Hymn 468

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

R. Deane Postlethwaite/Crimond

Sermon

On Eagles Wings

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

Child of God

Mark Miller

WE RESPOND

Offering Ourselves in Prayer (*We conclude with the Prayer of our Saviour. Please pray any version.*)

Invitation to the Offering and Offertory

You Are Holy

Per Harling/arr. John Helgen

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

- *Hymn 391 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (1-3) Julian Rush/New Dimensions
*Benediction
*Musical Benediction 391 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (4-5) Julian Rush/New Dimensions

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 in the week ahead. If you're visiting, please take a moment to fill out the yellow visitor card. Again, welcome!

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's Matins Youth Choir (from Des Moines, Iowa!)

We are blessed to welcome the **38-voice Matins Youth Choir**, with Director Ted Brimeyer, Pianist Soohee Lee, and other adult leaders, all from Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa. The Matins Choir is the "flagship youth music ensemble" of the 3,000 member UCC congregation. Since Plymouth's founding in 1857, the people of Plymouth United Church of Christ have supported "progressive theology and embraced freedom, education, social justice, and community involvement" to show God's love for all people and all creation. Please take time after the service to greet the choir and their leaders – and join in a simple lunch! (The sandwich "buffet" is in the Learning Center with lunch tables on the patio, front garden, and Education Wing. All welcome!)

Also sharing leadership in today's service are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor; Jacquelyn Helin, Guest Pianist (and United's former Music Director); Dana Bender, Family Minister; Sam Elkind, Church Moderator and Liturgist. You were greeted by Ministers of Hospitality Rosemary Thompson, Dana Hollifield, Louise Cavatta, Karen Wilbanks; and Sunday Aide Irene Guilbeaut. Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez livestreams the service.

"Love in Action" Children's Art Camp was GREAT!!

And you can see the proof with the slideshow that streams in the Community Room after the service. Many, many thanks to Family Minister Dana Bender, Children's Ministry Chair Karen Wilbanks, and the team of volunteers (Bruce Turnquist, Ed and Tracy Church, Molly Elkind, Donna Clark, Gail Ansheles, Nancy Sievert, Sheree and Bill Whitney, Melanie Lohmann, Jenn Wynne) and United staff Lin Raymond, Elijah Marquez, and Talitha Arnold for their vision, planning, support, and leadership throughout this past week.

Kids United – Singing Through the Summer!

Each week, children of all ages join Family Ministry Director Dana Bender as we sing our way through the summer—exploring prayer and our love for God, Neighbor, and Creation through music (and also tending the Children's Garden).

Praying in the Dirt and Feeding Hungry Families

All produce from the Children's Garden goes to the Santa Fe Food Depot to provide nutritious food to people throughout Northern New Mexico. You can help United kids feed other kids (and their parents) by volunteering to take a week of watering, weeding, or harvesting this summer. Sign up in Community Room or contact Dana Bender (602-570-9709).

What Are Biblical Values? – Pretty Good Guys Wednesday, June 24 – 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

All men invited for a study of "What Are Biblical Values?" by John Collins. Books for purchase in Community Room.

What Does the Bible Really Say about Forgiveness? – Zoom Study Group Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 am (MDT)

Join people from around the country for an in-depth look at what the Bible says about the challenging (and often confusing) topic of "forgiveness." All welcome! To register, email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

Get to Know Santa Fe – Study Group

Interested in a study group on Santa Fe's history, culture, and challenges? Let us know at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

Santa Fe Pride Parade – Saturday, June 27 (9:30 am)

United Church is marching in the 33rd Annual Pride Parade! Meet in the PERA parking lot (corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta) by 9:30 am. Wear your green United “Heart-Hands” T-shirt (you can buy one at the church), hat, sunscreen, walking shoes. Bring a full water bottle. Sign up by Thursday, June 25 in Community Room or at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. More info: Pam Hyde (pshyde50@comcast.net). Let’s show our United Pride! Thank you!

To Be Gay and Christian

Sunday Forum (11:15) – June 28

In celebration of Santa Fe’s Pride Weekend, a panel of United members and friends share some of their journeys of faith and life as LGBTQ+ Christians or parents of LGBTQ+ children.

Day Trip to Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum – Wednesday, July 1 – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

In 1864, the U.S. Army drove the Navajo/Diné people from their homeland in New Mexico and Arizona to Ft. Sumner in Bosque Redondo. The Long Walk of the Navajo is a hard truth of our nation’s history. The Wednesday before the U.S. 250th anniversary, United offers a day trip to the Bosque Redondo Historic Site and Museum. We’ll leave at 7:00 am, tour the museum and site, have lunch, then return. Sign up in Com. Room or at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com. Info: Talitha Arnold.

United’s Carbon Offset Program Addresses Climate Change

Track car mileage and/or plane flight hours and donate through United to *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and *Tree New Mexico*. Info: <https://www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care>.

Opera Singers, United Pickers, and More Musically This Summer at United

- Sunday, June 28, **Opera Apprentice** Sophia Baete, mezzo-soprano, is our guest musician.
- Sunday, July 5, our **Outdoor Celebration of the U.S. 250th Birthday** features American folk music, offered by the **United Pickers** (i.e., guitarists, mandolinists, and banjo players).
- In celebration of “**International Folk Art**” **Sunday** (July 12), we’ll sing of God’s creation all around the world and in a host of different languages. It’s also “Drop-in Choir” Sunday so if you like to sing, come at 9:00 to rehearse and sing with the Choir in the 10:00 service.
- Sunday, July 19, we welcome **Opera Apprentice** Kyle White, baritone (and welcome back Pianist Jacquelyn Helin).
- We finish out July on the 26th (Spanish Market Sunday) with **Opera Apprentice** Matthew Juhlin, baritone

Mark your calendars and bring friends!

UPCOMING SUNDAY FORUMS

July 12 – *The Other Madisons: The Lost History of a President’s Black Family*

In 1990, Bettye Kearsse’s mother designated her as her African American family’s “Griotte” – the storyteller and oral historian to preserve the genealogies and traditions of her community. That role took Bettye, a pediatrician from Boston and part of the United Church community, all around the U.S. and to Ghana to Portugal to write what she describes as “a personal family history and an homage to millions of silenced, invisible African Americans.” Her book embraces a more inclusive and complete American story—a great focus for our nation in this time.

July 19 – *Keeping the Faith, Painting the Faith, Sewing the Faith The Sacred Arts of Spanish New Mexico*

On this Sunday before Spanish Traditional Market, we welcome two renowned artists from Northern New Mexico, whose work is also part of United’s sacred art collection. Julia Gomez is a “*colcha*” (embroidery) creator whose work has been displayed at the Smithsonian and who uses both handspun yarn and bear, bobcat, and wolf fur in her creations. Juanito Jimenez is an award-winning *santero* (painter) who also uses natural dyes and wood for his paintings of both traditional and contemporary saints and sacred stories. We are honored to have both artists as our guests!

July 26 – *Christian and American: What Does It Mean?*

A panel of United members and friends share their understandings of the dual identity as both Americans and Christians. Join this important conversation in this time of both words being defined in certain ways—and take time to consider what either mean for you.

Summer Pledges

As you head to the hills or wherever this summer takes you, please remember to keep your church pledge up to date. That helps United continue to meet ongoing expenses like salaries, the electric bill, etc. Thank you! And if you didn’t make a pledge to the church during last fall’s Stewardship campaign, please consider doing so midyear. That, too, helps United stay in the black. Many thanks!