A Service of Justice and Hope
of the Presbytery of Santa Fe
at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Prelude — Karmen Van Dyke

Welcome and Announcements — Eric Koenig-Reinke

Call to Worship

One: Let us gather in this place where our hymns inspire courage, where our prayers become action, and where God's word deepens our discipleship.

All: As God's people, let us shine God's light in the darkness and bring hope to situations of despair.

One: Here, in this assembly of saints, the mustard seed of our faith cracks the pavement of the empire.

All: Let us worship the One who uses the foolish things to shame the wise, who employs the weak to humble the strong, and who calls the faithful to reshape history.

One: May our prayers and our praise promote God's reign and enrich our communities.

All: Let our worship reveal that God's love cannot be conquered, God's truth cannot be silenced, and God's kingdom continues to advance through disciples with transformed hearts.

Prayer for the Evening (unison) — Eric Koenig-Reinke

Holy One,
whose light shines brighter than all mornings,
whose compassion outlasts every night,
and whose voice calls prophets to stand against empires,
as we worship together, unleash among us the power of Your word,
so that our politics may be recast as an arena for transformation.
Because You can make all things new,
fill us with the grace to forgive when hatred demands revenge;
infuse us with the strength to serve when ambition demands a throne;
and equip us to walk by faith when the way is not clear.
Where injustice has wounded the world, embrace us with Your healing hands;
and wherever the dust of despair has settled upon us, sow Your seeds of hope in every county and community,
so that manifestations of Your kingdom would sprout throughout the land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** *Here I Am, Lord* Glory to God, #69

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
Patty Emord

Holy God, who summons us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You,
as we look at our world, we confess that we have allowed systems of power
to distort what is good,
to trade truth for influence,
and to turn neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation;
and we acknowledge our guilt for those instances when we, through our actions or our apathy,
have benefitted from structures that harm others,
or when we, with our corrupt leaders, have bowed to the idols of wealth, power, and control.
Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of our sin.
Mold us, and our policies and practices, to work for the common good of all,
and infuse us with Your hope until we become
disciples who defy indifference,
communities that empower Your people,
and congregations that remain faithful in Your work,
for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Micah 7:18-19)
Patty Emord

Leader: Who is like our God, who pardons our iniquities and passes over our transgressions?
People: The LORD will have compassion upon us, and our God will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Sharing Signs of the Peace of Christ

As God has abundantly poured out His love and grace through Christ, let us also share God's love and grace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

*Canticle — *May the God of Hope Go with Us* — Glory to God, #765

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Estribillo:
Oremos por la paz,
cantemos de tu amor.
Luchemos por la paz,
fieles a ti, Señor.

Prayer for Illumination — Eric Koenig-Reinke

God of hope and harmony,
grant that as instruments of Your peace,
You would play upon the strings of our heart,
so that the music of the good news of grace would open our ears to Your word.
As we read from the Scriptures that You have given to us,
inspire us with Your melodies of mission,
so that we would serve You by sharing the songs of life with all humanity,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Reading from the Word — Matthew 25:1-13

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD — Rev. Deborah Huggins

Parable of the Mean Girls

MUSICAL INTERLUDE — Karmen Van Dyke

> "Before mass leaders seize the power to fit reality to their lies,
> their propaganda is marked
> by its extreme contempt for facts as such,
> for in their opinion fact depends entirely
> on the power of man who can fabricate it."
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> — Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976), page 350

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD

The congregation is invited to offer any thoughts or share any questions concerning today's proclamation.

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Nancy Brahm

We, the people of God, who are the recipients of God's grace and mercy through no merit of our own, choose to respond to that grace and mercy by reminding ourselves of our neighbors.

Therefore:

- **We believe that the person who votes the other way is our neighbor.**
- **We believe that the politician who stands for everything we're against is our neighbor.**
- **We believe that the family member who we're not looking forward to talking with over the thanksgiving table in a few weeks is our neighbor.**
- **We believe that the person who lives next door and whose yard signs make us sick to our stomach is our neighbor.**
- **We believe that the people whom the attack ads say we should fear are our neighbors.**
- **We believe that the community member whose online posts make us roll our eyes is our neighbor.**

We believe that neighborliness might be the hardest thing we're called to do, but we do it nonetheless – at times messily, imperfectly, and awkwardly – because God calls it good and pleasant. Amen.

— adapted from Stephen Fearing, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Nancy Brahm

One: Lord of every land and language, as people of faith, we hold these truths to be self-evident,

All: that Your truth shall set us free,
setting us free from denial, fear, and chains of intimidation;

and liberating us from tyranny and censorship,
so that we may live in the truth that we are known, that we are forgiven, and that we are loved;

One: and that all people are created equal,

All: where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female,
and where every human life is sacred,
every human soul is precious,
and every person is fashioned in Your image, O God,

One: with certain inalienable rights

All: for we are God's workmanship, infused with the breath to speak Your powerful word that outlasts empires and survives the boasting of tyrants, blessed with the dignity to stand upright, and gifted with the privilege of passing on to children not yet born a world where all humanity flourishes,

One: that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness

All: where Your call of discipleship enables us to become fully alive, fully human, fully free to love,
bringing liberty to those enslaved by the hatred that poisons the heart,
saving us from the idols that demand everything and give nothing,
and pursuing happiness by feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, and by singing of a new world that is possible.

One: And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor,

All: for we trust in You, O Lord, who can raise dry bones to life and part the seas when there are no bridges, and we offer our lives to Your truth that is too precious to abandon; we commit ourselves to Your justice that is too urgent to ignore; and we share in the honor of courageously embracing Your vision of inclusion, grace, and mercy, following the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF OUR LIVES — Tom Ulrich

MUSICAL INTERLUDE — Karmen Van Dyke

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Tom Ulrich

God of love and faithfulness,
as we offer the gifts of our gifts to You,
open our eyes to the many ways that we can share Your blessings across the globe.
Awaken us to the power of Your love at work in our lives and in our world,
so that we may trust You more for the journey ahead,
through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.

*HYMN — *All Things Bright and Beautiful* — Glory to God, #20

Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,*
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
Refrain

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.
Refrain

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.
Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
Refrain

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Tonight we convey our profound gratitude to the Session of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, and to the pastors, the elders and deacons, to the congregation, and to the faithful folks who have worked tirelessly to make this service possible. We also express our deep appreciation to the participants in this service who are volunteering their time and talent to enrich our time together.

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