ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

WELCOME *Pastor Kelli*

- Welcome – Mission: ***to be a presence in Albuquerque where Jesus' unconditional love is central to life***
- In-person, online, visitors
- Jubilee Sunday
- As we consider where God is leading Central into our future, we're starting a new series of sermons on the Mission of the UMC
    - May 2025—Council of Bishops unveiled a new mission statement for the UMC: ***love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously***
- As we worship, we are invited to consider not only what we believe, but how we will live together as a community shaped by the love of Christ.

PRELUDE *Trio Sonata in E Minor: 1. Affettuoso* Telemann Linda Davidson, flute; Maria Dickinson, violin; Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Abbey Reed*

Good morning—I'm Abbey Reed, the Director of Neighboring and my pronouns are she/her/aya.
Friends, please rise to your feet, or rise in your heart, as we offer our Call to Worship.

Come, people of God, and remember that love is at the heart of who we are.
We come ready to receive God's love and to share it with others.
Jesus calls us to love God with all that we are.
And to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Love is not only something we feel; it is a way of life.
O God, teach us to love boldly—with our words, choices, and our lives.
May the love of Christ be known in us and through us.
Alleluia! Amen.

Please remain standing for our Gathering Hymn.

***HYMN** *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE *George Meinecke*

You may be seated. My name is George Meinecke and my pronouns are he/him.

Friends, please join me as we pray together our prayer for transformation and new life.
Loving God, you have loved us first and call us to love one another. Open our hearts to the people we know and the people we have yet to know. Free us from the habits that make love small or conditional. Teach us to notice who is on the margins, to listen with compassion, and to act with courage. Shape us into a community where people can encounter your love through the way we live together. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *George Meinecke*
People of God, hear the good news: God's love is not scarce, fragile, or reserved for a few. In Christ, we are beloved and called to become bearers of that love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *George Meinecke*
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

***HYMN** *Bind Us Together* TFWS 2226

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Abbey Reed*
Please be seated.
Today we have two Scripture lessons. The first is from Matthew's Gospel, chapter twenty-two, verses thirty-seven through thirty-nine. The second is from John's Gospel, chapter thirteen, verses thirty-four through thirty-five.
Response 1
One: Listen for the Word of God.
All: Our ears are open.

From Matthew 22:
[Jesus} said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

And from John 13:
"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Response 2
Friends, this is the Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Abundant Love* Karen Marrolli Chancel Choir/Maria Dickinson, violin

SERMON ***Guiding Vision***: ***Love Boldly***

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (vs 1,2,3)* TFWS 2223

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Abbey Reed*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *Abbey Reed*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Abbey Reed*
Our offering is one way we practice bold love. We give because we believe love is meant to move beyond our own lives and become tangible in the world. So let us offer our gifts and tithes with open hearts and generous spirits.

OFFERTORY *Trio Sonata in E Minor: 2. Allegro* Telemann Linda Davidson, flute; Maria Dickinson, violin; Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION *Sung Responses* - UMH 17
Invitation to the Table *Pastor Kelli*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere

to give you thanks, O God, for you are the God who calls us into a life of love, service, and courage.

George Meinecke

Holy God, you created us for relationship—with you, one another,
and with all creation.
You meet us in every season
and invite us to become a people whose lives make your love visible.

When we are tempted to turn inward,
you call us toward our neighbors.
When we are weary, you give us joy for the journey.
When we are afraid, you remind us that we do not walk alone.

And so, with all creation and with the saints who have gone before us,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
In him, we see the love of God made flesh.
He welcomed those others pushed aside, served those in need, gathered people into community, and taught us a way of life rooted in love.

Abbey Reed

When the time came, Jesus gave himself up for us.
At supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup.
Again gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died;

Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Pastor Kelli

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE *Abbey Reed*

***SENDING HYMN** *O Church of God United* UMH 547

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Kelli

People of God, go into the world as people who have been loved deeply and liberated by God's love.

May God, the Source of love, open your heart to your neighbor.
May Jesus Christ teach you to love as he loved—with courage, compassion, and grace.
And may the Holy Spirit give you the courage to love boldly wherever you go.

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the One Mother of us all. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

WELCOME *Pastor Kelli*

- Welcome – Mission: ***to be a presence in Albuquerque where Jesus' unconditional love is central to life***
- In-person, online, visitors
- Today we continue our series of sermons on the new mission statement of the United Methodist Church which is to: ***love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously***
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PRELUDE *O Be Joyful* Schubert, arr. Rodbey Good News

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Abbey Reed*

Good morning—I'm Abbey Reed, the Director of Neighboring and my pronouns are she/her/aya. Friends, please rise to your feet, or rise in your heart, as we offer our Call to Worship.

Come, people of God, and remember that every gift is meant to be shared.
We come ready to offer what we have received.
God meets us with joy and calls us to care for one another.
We seek to serve with open hearts and willing hands.
There is enough joy for the journey and enough grace for the work.
May our service become a joyful expression of God's love.
Alleluia! Amen.

Please remain standing for our Gathering Hymn.

***HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UMH 584

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE *George Meinecke*

You may be seated [pause for folx to settle.] My name is George Meinecke and my pronouns are he/him. Friends, please join me as we pray together our prayer for transformation and new life.

Generous God, you have blessed each of us with different gifts, experiences, and ways of serving that can bless the world. Help us to see what we have to offer. Keep us from believing that only certain gifts matter or that our contribution is too small. Grant us joy in serving, grace in working with others, and wisdom to notice our

neighbors in need. May our service be a sign of your saving love at work in the world around us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *George Meinecke*

People of God, hear the good news: God has already placed gifts within this community, and there is a place for every person to contribute. We do not serve to earn God's love; we serve because it already here. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *George Meinecke*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

***HYMN** *Make Me a Servant* TFWS 2176

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Abbey Reed*

Please be seated.
Today we have two Scripture lessons. The first is from Nehemiah, chapter eight, verse ten. The second is from the First Letter of Peter, chapter four, verse ten.

Response 1:
One: Listen for the Word of God.
All: Our ears are open.

From Nehemiah 8:10:
Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

And from 1st Peter 4:10:
Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Response 2:
Friends, this is the Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM *In Meeting We Are Blessed* Troy Robertson
Chancel Choir/Jeff Cornelius, percussion

SERMON **Guiding Vision: *Serve Joyfully***

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
UMH 581

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Abbey Reed*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *Abbey Reed*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Abbey Reed*
Our offering is one way we join God's work of serving the world. We give from what we have received, trusting that our gifts can become food for someone who is hungry, welcome for someone who is lonely, hope for someone who is weary, and a sign that no one has to walk alone. Let us give joyfully, knowing that God can use every gift.

OFFERTORY
8:30 Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano
11:00 *Festivo* Nathan Kleve Mass ApPeal Handbells

Dedicated to the Glory of God
Commissioned in honor of Central United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, as they celebrate 75 years, worshipping in their sacred building on 201 University Blvd. NE
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DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION *Sung Responses* - UMH 17
Invitation to the Table *Pastor Kelli*

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And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give you thanks, O God, for you are the God who calls us into a life of love, service, and courage.

George Meinecke

Holy God, you created us for relationship—with you, one another,
and with all creation.
You meet us in every season
and invite us to become a people whose lives make your love visible.

When we are tempted to turn inward,
you call us toward our neighbors.
When we are weary, you give us joy for the journey.
When we are afraid, you remind us that we do not walk alone.

And so, with all creation and with the saints who have gone before us,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
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Abbey Reed

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gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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Pastor Kelli

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE *Abbey Reed*

***SENDING HYMN** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* TFWS 2241

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** *Pastor Kelli*

People of God, go with the joy of the Lord as your strength.

May God open your eyes to the gifts you have received.
May Jesus Christ guide you into humble and generous service.
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with joy as you serve your neighbors and share
God's grace.

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the One Mother of us all. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

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Come, people of God, and remember that courage begins with knowing we are not alone.
God is with us wherever we go.
When the path ahead is uncertain, God calls us to stand firm.
We will trust God's presence and move forward with courage.
When the work is difficult, Christ gives us strength.
We will seek the strength that comes from God, not from fear.
May our leadership be rooted in truth, justice, peace, and love.
Alleluia! Amen.

Please remain standing for our Gathering Hymn.

***HYMN** *God of Grace, and God of Glory* UMH 577

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE *George Meinecke*

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Courageous God, you meet us in every uncertain place and remind us that we do not walk alone. When we are afraid, steady us. When we are discouraged, strengthen us. When we are tempted to stay silent, give us wisdom when and how to speak. Teach us to lead not

from ego or fear, but from your love, truth, and justice. Make us courageous people who help others find courage, too. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *George Meinecke*
People of God, hear the good news: God does not call us into courage and then leave us to find our way alone. God goes with us. Christ strengthens us. The Spirit equips us. We can move forward with courage because we are held by a faithful God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *George Meinecke*
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
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***HYMN** *Lead Me, Guide Me* 2214 TFWS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Abbey Reed*
Please be seated.
Today we have two Scripture lessons. The first is from Joshua, chapter one, verse nine. The second is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, chapter six, verse ten.

Response 1:
One: Listen for the Word of God.
All: Our ears are open.

From Joshua 1:9:
"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

And from Ephesians 6:10:
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

Response 2:
Friends, this is the Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM *Go to the World* Karen Marrolli Chancel Choir

SERMON **Guiding Vision:** ***Lead Courageously***

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Be Thou My Vision* *UMH 451*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Abbey Reed*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Abbey Reed

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INVITATION TO OFFERING *Abbey Reed*

We give so that this community can respond to needs, nurture leaders, care for neighbors, and live our faith beyond these walls. Let us give not from fear, but from trust that God is already at work and invites us to join in.

OFFERTORY *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte, arr. Larson Amanda Rindlisbach, soprano

DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION *Sung Responses* - UMH 17

Invitation to the Table *Pastor Kelli*

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all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE *Abbey Reed*

***SENDING HYMN** *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Pastor Kelli

People of God, go with courage, knowing that you do not go alone.

May God strengthen you for the work ahead.
May Jesus Christ show you what courageous love looks like.
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom, strength, and peace to lead courageously wherever God calls you.

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the One Mother of us all. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings