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Central UMC_Friday Pulse, May 16

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Our mission is to be a presence in Albuquerque,
where Jesus' unconditional Love is *central to life*.



for Sunday, May 18, 2025

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Sermon Title: "Wait, God Loves *Those* People Too?!"

8:30 a.m. :: Worship in the Chapel

9:45 a.m. :: Sunday School Classes

11:00 a.m. :: Worship in the Sanctuary (Liturgist: Leslie Oakes)

(Both services are available live on YouTube & Facebook)



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CHRIST IS CENTRAL TO LIFE

A Service of Song, Word, & Table May 18, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

***Children are welcome at Central!** We love the holy noise of children: crying, laughing, playing, singing, and any other exuberant outburst! (Our pastor has them on occasion...) If you choose to worship while your children are being cared for, please know that our children's area, located in the Narthex, has staff members available to create a supportive space for you and your family.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

• CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus Christ. Amen.

• HYMN

UMH 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

A READING FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM Schutte, arr. Courtney

Here I Am, Lord
Chancel Choir

HOMILY “Wait, God Loves *Those* People Too?!”

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Text: Gordon Light

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN *Bind Us Together* TFWS 2226

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Dr. Daniel Cummings

• **DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

R1 Holy, holy, holy one, 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!

R2 Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

R3 Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

• **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings



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