

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 17

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. – Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship
2:00 p.m. – Meadow City Academy of Music concert in Perea Hall

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 p.m. – Session meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom
7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in the Gathering Place

Friday, March 22

4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

Sunday, March 24

10:30 a.m. – Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms at 8th and National
followed by procession to individual churches for worship
Fellowship following worship



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STOPS ALONG THE WAY

MEDITATION – *Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.*
--Mother Teresa

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mustard Seed Recipient

Pat Smith

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Richard Lindeborg

*Let us make a commitment during this time to visit with someone today
and wish them the peace of Christ.*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 62:10-12)

One: Go through the gates; prepare the way for the people.

All: Build up the highway; clear it of stones; keep watch over the people.

One: See that salvation comes.

**All: The people will be called “Holy People”; they shall be “The Redeemed.”
They are the ones sought out by God. Let us come together in worship!**

***OPENING HYMNS**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (GTG #12)

All Things Bright and Beautiful (GTG #20)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*We remember that, before we confess and no matter what we confess to God,
we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy*

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Great and Small, we so often trip on big things, focusing on bigger, better, more, and later. Forgive us for letting our focus on “big” get in the way of doing the small things that matter. Guide us to be faithful in small things—a welcoming smile, a kind gesture, a shared table, a small gift, a thank you for your love and grace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE *How Can I Keep From Singing* Tegan Masoero-Palmer
Rev. L. Lowry, arr. Frank Ponzio

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

SERMON *Small Things* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (GTG #250)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me* (GTG #726)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able

Assisting in Worship This Week

Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg Accompanist – Em Krall
Choir Director – Jordan Jones Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Deb Allen Reid, Peter Linder, Kent Reid

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **March fellowship time reminder:** 3/24 Carol Linder 3/31 Juli Salzman
Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. REMEMBER: WE WILL MEET AT 8TH & NATIONAL FOR AN ECUMENICAL LITURGY OF THE PALMS AT 10:30, then drive or process to the church for worship.

March Madness Deep Discussions! Poet and spiritual advisor Mark Nepo writes: “Unconditional love is not so much about how we receive and endure each other, as it is about the deep vow to never . . . stop bringing the flawed truth of who we are to each other.” We tend to be hesitant about asking the deep questions we have about our spirituality for fear we’ll be judged. This Lent, I invite you to take a risk and bring those questions to the next March Madness discussion on **March 27 at 6 p.m.**

The Lenten discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass, led by Pastor Katie, finishes March 24. Class begins at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. The book is available for \$14.39 plus shipping from Amazon as well as from other online book sellers. The reading assignment for the final session is Chapter 6, “Presence” and Conclusion: “The Universal Jesus.”

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume the Sunday after Easter (April 7) with discussion of the book *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. The hardcover book is available new from Amazon for \$15 (half price) or used for \$9.75. Used prices at dealers such as AbeBooks and Alibris are competitive (prices plus shipping). A short description of the book will appear in the March newsletter, and a longer description is available from Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com

Prayers for the Church Family – Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Renee, Peter and Alistair Buchanan, George and Elizabeth Bunch and Randy Campbell as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1893).

March Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

March Deacon of the Month – Nina Marquez Johns – 505-426-5802

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