

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 24

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. – Ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms at 8th and National
followed by procession to individual churches for worship
Fellowship following worship

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
5:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. – March Madness Deep Discussion
6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom
7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, March 28

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in the Gathering Place
7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service at First United Methodist Church

Friday, March 29

Noon – Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's Peace
4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team
7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae service at FUPC

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil at St. Paul's Peace

Sunday, March 31

CHRIST IS RISEN!

NO church school class

6:15 a.m. – Easter Sunrise service at the Old Town Mission Community Center
10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship with communion followed by fellowship



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PALM SUNDAY¹

STOPS ALONG THE WAY

MEDITATION – *Life in abundance comes only through great love.*

--Elbert Hubbard

WE GATHER TOGETHER

ECUMENICAL LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*We gather together at University Park for this liturgy,
then process to the church*

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 9:9

Judi Ruprecht

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

The congregation responds:

Hosanna in the highest!

PALM SUNDAY PRAISE

Hosanna, You're My King
by David E. Bell

Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 118)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's love endures forever.

All: Let Israel say: "God's love endures forever."

One: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

All: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: From the house of the Lord we bless you

One: The Lord is God, who has made light shine upon us.

All: With boughs in hand, we join in the festal procession!

*OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (GTG #197)

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

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant, ready to finish the work he had begun. Forgive us, O God, those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *Psalm 23* by Joshua Sherman Choir
 arr. Dustin Loehrs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:3-9

SERMON *Extravagance* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

UNISON RESPONSE

What a strange paradox. As Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the people rejoice, singing “Hosanna in the highest!” Yet they fail to understand that the one they welcome is the Servant “King,” who washes his disciples’ feet, who comes not with an army but a weapon so powerful that not even death could resist: the love of God.

O God, as we sing our “Hosannas” today, may we remember also what you were riding toward: the suffering and rejection, the pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* (GTG #215)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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

¹This service adapted from a Palm Sunday liturgy by John Birch at https://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy_Palm_Sunday.htm

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****



If you would like to **make an offering to the church**, please leave it in the plate at the back of the sanctuary, mail it to the church office, scan the QR code or donate online at lvpresbyterian.org.

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **Fellowship time reminder:**
 3/31 Julie Salman 4/7 Robin Carlson
 Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

Please join us for a **Lenten soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27.**

March Madness Deep Discussions! 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 March Madness discussion **this Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m.** following the soup supper.

The opportunity to give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** continues through Easter Sunday. This offering supports *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*, 32%; *Presbyterian Hunger Program*, 36%; and *Self-Development of People*, 32%. You can give online or send a check to the church with “OGHS” in the memo line.

There will be no class for adults and youth on Easter Sunday, March 31.

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume on April 7 with discussion of the book *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. For more information, contact Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com. The reading assignment for April 7 is the introduction and Chapter 1, "World."

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 Robin Carlson and Leslie Jones, Donna Cavedon and Lin Chibante as well as First Presbyterian Church, Socorro, NM (1880).

<u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u>		
Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht	Accompanist – Em Krall
Choir Director – Jordan Jones	Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton		
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer		

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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