

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, May 11

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom  
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto and via Zoom followed by Fellowship

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlie’s  
6:30 p.m. – Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, May 16

8:00 a.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Sunday, May 18

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom  
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. John Guthrie and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



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**MISSION AND VISION** - We seek to grow in our faith, share God's love, and serve others, following the Holy Spirit that has sustained us and our ministries for over 150 years. As an inclusive and welcoming segment of the Body of Christ, we actively seek justice for all and work together to build a compassionate world where all are valued. Led by Christ and dependent on God’s grace, we embrace today’s challenges and live into tomorrow’s opportunities.

**MEDITATION** - “Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.”

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 (Isaiah 53: 5-6)

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All: We like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

\*OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This? GTG #215

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

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 23	Pastor Patricia Halverson
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 7:9-17	Siobhan O’Connell-Croto
SERMON	“Reflection on What Revelations Really Reveals”	Siobhan O’Connell-Croto

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

RESPONSE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

GTG #354

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for our church, for the way we are called to be church to a world in need. Help us to continue to share with those in need and with each other through these gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY

**RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Easter, with the scent of lilies from the flowering cross not yet a distant memory, hold your resurrection glory before us as our guide and hope, O God. May this season plant seeds of new life and yield growth and maturity in Christ. May the gift of your Spirit be our steady leader and faithful friend.

**All: We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

Leader: For mothers around the world today, we give you thanks, O God. We give thanks for the countless ways mothers and mother-figures nurture, educate and inspire. Bless the women who hold and heal, who shelter and protect, who liberate themselves and others from that which discourages and curbs potential. Within our varied roles and with our differing gifts, help us recognize the Divine’s image in all her people.

**All: We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

Leader: Righteous God, in a world torn by war, keep us from hate that hardens and scorekeeping with human lives. When our world is troubled and violence the chosen path, draw near to judge and save. Guide our leaders with your wisdom. Help us walk with humility as our constant companion. Move our hearts with compassion, justice and love.

**All: We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

GTG #754

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

**\*\*\*\*\*OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\***

Join us for Fellowship Luncheon in Perea Hall: after worship today!

May fellowship time reminder:

5/11 Charlotte Wootton

5/18 Juli Salman

Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

**The Sunday morning Bible-based class for youth and adults** is continuing our discussion of The Bible As Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature by Marion G. Bontrager, Michele Hershberger, and John E. Sharp. The reading assignment for May 11 is Ch. 29--Apocalyptic Genre – pp. 268-282.

On May 18, the class will begin discussing the book *Worship in the Early Church* by Justo L. González and Catherine Gunsalus González, published by Westminster John Knox Press (WJK), the academic and trade imprint of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC). The reading assignment for May 18 is Baptism: Ch. 5, pp. 65-80 and Ch. 9, pp. 129-154.

This paperback book is available from the publisher for \$35, from Alibris for \$23.08 and from Amazon for \$23.48, all plus shipping. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy sent directly to you from Amazon with no shipping charge.

Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

**Favorite Hymn Project** – Many requests have been received and we are now singing some of the requested hymns in our worship services. Hymn requests are still being accepted. Leave your choices on a scrap of paper in one of the labeled cylinders at the front or back of the sanctuary, or call /email the church office.

**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 Michelle Ulibarri, Beth Urech and Mark Gillingham, and Sharon Vander Meer as well as the El Buen Pastor United Presbyterian Church, Chimayo, NM (1903).

**Joining us today in the pulpit is** Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto. Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto grew up at FUPC, where she and her husband Jim, led the youth group she once belonged to. FUPC also supported her pursuit of ministry.

A member of Los Mensajeros, local group of Commissioned Pastors, she did chaplaincy at Alta Vista Regional Hospital and served as Commissioned Pastor for First Presbyterian Church Raton for four years. She, Jim, and son Sean live in Las Vegas.

**May Elder of the Month:** Corky Halverson, ckh5@me.com, 505-235-7914

**May Deacon of the Month:** Bonnie Trujillo, bonnie@rezio.net, 505-617-0459

*Our office hours on Tuesday have been temporarily suspended; however, it is easy to reach us. You may call and leave a message at 505-425-7763 or email us at [fupcnm@gmail.com](mailto:fupcnm@gmail.com). Phone and email messages are being picked up throughout each day, 7 days a week.*

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<u><b>Assisting in Worship This Week</b></u>		
Preacher – Siobhan O’Connell-Croto	Worship Leader – Pastor Patricia Halverson	
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Karyl Lyne, Van Swan		