

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, July 27

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Sara G. Armstrong and via Zoom followed by the Congregational Meeting and Fellowship

Monday, July 28

11:00 a.m. – Deacons in the Session Room

Friday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 3

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. David Crowley 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 - "The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for."
- St. Thomas More

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** (NIV Ps. 85:7-13)

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

All: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

Leader: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

All: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

All: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Leader: Righteousness goes before him

All: and prepares the way for his steps.

***OPENING HYMN**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
(Verses 1,3,5)

GTG #688

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

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us of all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Leader: May the almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, true repentance, newness of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 2:6-15	Juli Salman
GOSPEL READING	Luke 11:1-13	Rev. Sara G. Armstrong
SERMON	“To God Be the Glory”	Rev. Sara G. Armstrong

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	GTG #634
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WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for Christ’s 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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	GTG #835
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

*******OPPORTUNITIES*******

Join us for Fellowship in Perea Hall: after worship today! **July fellowship time reminder:**
7/27 Carol Litherland 8/3 Linda Solyntjes and Karyl Lyne
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 will begin discussing the book *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*, by Pope Francis. This paperback book is available new from the publisher for \$17, new from Amazon for \$10.59 or used from \$5.58, from Alibris from \$.99 and from AbeBooks from \$3.73, all plus shipping. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy sent directly to you from Amazon with no shipping charge.

The reading assignment for July 27 is Prologue, pp. 1-7 and Postscript, pp.141-144

The reading assignment for August 3 is A Time to See, pp. 11-47

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.

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, and Lin Chibante (Ayers) as well as the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1948).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Sara Armstrong –Sara is joyfully retired after 34 years as a pastor. Those years included pastoring five churches in New Mexico and Colorado and ten years sharing a Mission Co-Worker position in Peru with her husband, Rusty Edmondson. These days she serves on boards in Peru and New Mexico, kayaks, gardens, works with the Presbytery and forms new friendships in her chosen retirement town of Raton, New Mexico.

July Elder of the Month: Carol Litherland, ctlitherland@nmhu.edu, 505-429-0923

July Deacon of the Month: Van Swan, gvslswan@gmail.com , 505-426-4348

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. Phone and email messages are being picked up throughout each day, 7 days a week.

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Sara G. Armstrong	Worship Leader – Juli Salman
Pianist – Em Krall	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Jeff Salman, Jim Croto, Kent Reid	