

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
April 19, 2020 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,
The day had come, God answered their prayer! --Loyd C. Taylor, Sr.

MEDITATION –*A prayer of hope is a prayer that disarms you and extends you far beyond the limits of your own longings. Therefore, there can be no talk of prayer so long as praying is thought of as an activity which excludes our fellow man.*

Henri J.M. Nouwen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to continue to give of your time by connecting with others and to give of your resources via our website or through snail mail. (PO Box 37)

Coffee with Katie and Thursday Teatime are meeting via Zoom.
Times are 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays.

PRELUDE

Em Krall

PROCLAIMING THE MESSIAH

MESSIANIC PROCLAMATION –1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable is tested by fire —may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

OPENING HYMN - GTG # 255 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

OPENING PRAYER

GOSPEL READING - John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was call the Twin), one

of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MEDITATION

Rev Pat Halverson

RESPONDING TO THE PROCLAMATION

HYMN - GTG #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(The people respond to each petition with “Hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - GTG #238 *Thine is the Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Samaritan House Food Donations – April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entrees

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto, Wilma Cunico and Linda Cunningham as well as for Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1990). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie via Zoom

Thursday April 23

3:30 p.m. – Thursday Tea Time with Katie via Zoom

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Pat Halverson

Worship Leader – Sharon Vander Meer

Accompanist – Em Krall

April Elder of the Month – Deb Allen-Reid – 505-331-9125

April Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker - 505-429-0670

Church Office closed to the public, but calls and emails will be answered.

Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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