

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and 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 join us 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. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 a.m. - Personnel

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

Thursday, August 5

9:30 a.m. - Worship and Music

3:30 p.m. - Thursday Tea Time via Zoom



Our Daily Devotionals

Daily devotionals are available on our Facebook page - First United Presbyterian Church (the one with our *Seeds. Roots. Branches.* logo). You can also go to our website, lvpresbyterian.org, and under "Latest News" you'll find a link to the devotional. Or just click this link: [Devotionals](#)



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July 29, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday we will spend some more time with Job. We will hear him declare that he is so miserable he wants to die. We will hear a friend rebuke him for not being repentant. And we will hear him cry out to God, whom he thinks has targeted him with suffering. With Job's story as our conversation partner, we will explore feelings of suffering, despair, and abandonment.



Poet and painter William Blake (1757-1827) painted a series of images from the book of Job. This one, called "Job Rebuked by His Friends," was painted in 1825-26, not long before Blake's death. It depicts Job with his wife at his right hand while three of his friends rebuke him. This week we'll hear from one of these friends, Eliphaz, who implies in his speech to Job that Job's 10 children died because they did not live upright lives. Indeed, all three friends believe Job's suffering is a punishment for some sin he has committed; all three tell him he must repent. But as readers, we know that Job is innocent of any wrongdoing.

I invite you to use Blake's "Job Rebuked by His Friends" as a jumping-off point to consider Job's story this week, perhaps during a time set aside for contemplation.

On Sunday we will also ordain and install officers to a new term of service. We will ordain Renee Soderlund to the office of Deacon and will install Renee, Rosie Lopez, Juli Salman, Bonnie Trujillo and Mary Schipper to the Deacon Class of 2022. We will install to the Ruling Elder Class of 2022 Siobhan Croto, Carol Litherland, Joyce Litherland, and Tom Trigg. This is always a special time in the life of the church family as we move into a new term and the promise of new possibilities. I am thankful for our new and returning officers and look forward to working with them. I know they will serve our church family faithfully.

Finally, thank you to all of those who have completed the FUPC Spiritual Needs Survey. If you've not yet completed the survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NHJBZ8> to do so.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *But what we call our despair is often only the painful eagerness of unfeigned hope.*
— George Eliot, in *Middlemarch*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS Denice Spicer

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Romans 16:25-27; Psalm 40:11)

God strengthens us according to the proclamation of Christ and the revelation of mystery.
Therefore we gather to proclaim our faith in God, through Jesus the Christ.
Do not withhold your mercy from us, O Lord, but let your steadfast love and faithfulness hold us.

OPENING HYMN, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (GTG #12)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Job 3:1-4, 10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

JOB 3:1-4, 10: After [Job's friends sat in silence with him for seven days and nights] Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ²Job said:

³ 'Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, "A man-child is conceived."

⁴ Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, or light shine on it...

¹⁰ because it did not shut the doors of my mother's womb, and hide trouble from my eyes.

JOB 4:1-9: Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered:

² 'If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking?

³ See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened the weak hands.

⁴ Your words have supported those who were stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees.

⁵ But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed.

⁶ Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

⁷ 'Think now, who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off?

⁸ As I have seen, those who plough iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

⁹ By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.

JOB 7:11-21: 'Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;

I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹² Am I the Sea, or the Dragon, that you set a guard over me?

¹³ When I say, "My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,"

¹⁴ then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions,

¹⁵ so that I would choose strangling and death rather than this body.

¹⁶ I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days are a breath.

¹⁷ What are human beings, that you make so much of them, that you set your mind on them,

¹⁸ visit them every morning, test them every moment?

¹⁹ Will you not look away from me for a while, let me alone until I swallow my spittle?

²⁰ If I sin, what do I do to you, you watcher of humanity? Why have you made me your target?

Why have I become a burden to you? ²¹ Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity?

For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be.'

SERMON *A Death Wish and a Cry of Anguish*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN, *Lord, When I Came into this Life* (GTG #691)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Denice Spicer

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today!

Time is running out those who want to discuss the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy with the **Sunday Morning Class** to purchase their copies. The first class is August 16. Retail for this book is \$17.95, and that is Amazon's current price. The second-hand online offerings from Abe Books, Alibris and Amazon are as much as \$3 or \$4 less (including shipping). Paper Trail may be able to order it also. Richard Lindeborg is willing to order copies and have them drop shipped directly to your home.

We will hold our Zoom discussion of the **Summer Book Club's July book**, *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.

Our **August/September book is the memoir *One Coin Found*** by Emmy Kegler. Kegler, a queer woman who "knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude," narrates her experiences of being excluded and her attraction to a Bible that would not let her go. Kegler is now pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Samaritan House Food Donations – August – Oatmeal or other dry cereals, Dried milk. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

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 Soderlund & Jerry Russell, Linda & Gene Solyntjes, and Denice Spicer as well as Community Presbyterian Church, Glenwood NM (1921).

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

August Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-617-0839

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