

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, September 1

7:30 p.m. – Personnel via Zoom

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

1:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking via Zoom

Thursday, September 3

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music via Zoom

3:30 p.m. – Afternoon 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, fupc.org, and under "Latest News" you'll find a link to the devotional. Or just click this link: [Devotionals](#)



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August 26, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday we complete our journey with Job and find the hope of renewal.

We will also set aside time during Sunday's worship for our fifth Sunday healing service, so please have with you a bit of oil (olive oil or other cooking oil) or water with which to anoint yourself during our healing liturgy. As we receive a blessing for healing, we will bless prayer shawls made as offerings of love and healing to those who may need them in the future.

Please join us at 4:00 Sunday afternoon for a special service of installation. As you may remember, neither Siobhan Croto nor Rosie Lopez was able to be installed with other new officers earlier this month. Rosie had just had ankle replacement surgery and was in physical therapy during that worship service. Siobhan has entered into a covenant agreement with First Presbyterian Church in Raton to preach there for the next several weeks, and so is unable to be with us during our normal worship time. These circumstances give us the privilege of installing Siobhan to the office of Elder and Rosie to the office of Deacon during a special service on Sunday afternoon, followed by a virtual Sunday Sundaes. So plan to attend this short service followed by a time of fellowship. Bring a dessert to enjoy while you visit with your church family!

I will not be with you for the next couple of Sundays, but leave you in good hands. Pat will share the Word on September 6 and Randy on September 13. I will spend next week focused on worship planning for the next several months and will be on vacation the week of September 7. D.R. and I will take some time away to enjoy the landscape around Abiquiu. We'll take pictures! I thought the poem by Andrew Downing, below, would be an appropriate nod to the beauty of New Mexico, as I anticipate this vacation time.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

Evening in New Mexico by Andrew Downing

Far off the Rio Grande crawls,
A silver serpent in the sand;
And sweetly, softly, slowly falls
The shade of twilight on the land.

The mockingbird, that all the day
Has piped, entangling note with note,
In merry song, and roundelay,
Has quelled the lyrics in his throat.

In meditation, buried all,
Three philosophic burros wait,
Beside a dun, adobe wall,
The opening of the master's gate.

A corsair hawk is sailing low,
And lazily, his flight unreeled
In widening spirals--waving so
Across the green alfalfa field.

A purple mantle rolls, and spreads--
From distant foothills deepening down--
Across the dry arroya beds
And over all the drowsy town.

So softly shadow blends with shade
So stealthily the darkness wins,
We scarcely see the daylight fade--
We scarcely know the night begins.

The sky, rose-tinted in the west,
Is blue and cloudless everywhere;
One white star tips a mountain crest,
And sparkles like a jewel there.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 30, 2020

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.* –Romans 12:2

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeff Salman

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 (adapted from Isaiah 40:28, 31)

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles!

Let us worship the loving creator God!

OPENING HYMN *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator* (GTG #18)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 42:7-17

After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.’ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

SERMON *Renewal from the Breath of God*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (GTG #286)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

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

Join us this afternoon at 4:00 for a **Special Installation Service** followed by a **Sunday Sundaes ZOOM event**. We’ll install Siobhan Croto and Rosie Lopez to the offices of Elder and Deacon, respectively, then enjoy each other’s company over dessert. Bring your favorite dessert to enjoy, whether that be an ice cream sundae, a slice of watermelon, or your favorite candy bar! See you then!

The reading assignment for the **Sunday Class for Adults and Youth on September 6** is Part Four, pp. 77-88, of the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy. The series runs through Oct. 4. Ordering a book with express shipment or electronic delivery of the book is now desirable. Richard Lindeborg is willing to order a copy and have it shipped directly to your home.

Now is the time to order the book for our **August/September Summer Book Club selection: *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. Kegler’s story will allow us to discuss the Biblical texts often used to exclude. Please let Pastor Katie know if you’d like to participate in this discussion so that participants can choose a date and time that works for all.

Samaritan House Food Donations – September – Canned milk, Canned vegetables. 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 Pam Abreu, Susan Apodaca and Charlotte Wootton as well as Laguna United Presbyterian Church, Casa Blanca NM (1878).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Jeff Salman

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

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

August Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457

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