

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 11

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

11:00 a.m. - TTT via Zoom

Thursday, August 13

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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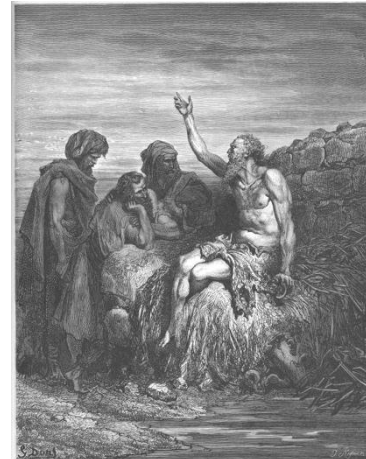


August 5, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I have been loving the storms as they roll through; there's something in them about the power of nature and the majesty of God. I know that those of you with vegetable and flower gardens may not be quite so enamored of the storms that brought hail damage; some of you, like me, may be suffering the physical effects that come with changes in the atmospheric pressure than accompany storms. But even so, there's something magnificent about them.

We will reach a point in the book of Job where we will see the majesty of God's creation. But for now, we continue to sit with Job as his friends keep telling him that he is clearly being punished for something he's done. Job will continue to rightfully insist that he does not deserve his suffering, but as he sits in that suffering, talking with his friends, we will be privy to hearing him talk through his ideas about God, about hope, about redemption and revenge. I share with you this week another piece of art entitled "Job and His Friends." This one is by 19th century artist Gustave Doré.



JOB AND HIS FRIENDS
After that a herd of camels, and full of treasure. Job 1: 17 (1879)

Fortunately for us, the author of this book has made Job a character who thinks through his ideas by talking them out. We get to hear Job figure out what he thinks about his suffering, about the world's suffering, about God. We get to hear him rail at God, talk about God, struggle with his own theology, and, finally, we will get to hear him talk to God. I hope that, as we listen to Job, we will be inspired to think intentionally about our own theology, that we will invite God into conversation with us. I pray that, with Job, we will discover hope and the certainty of God's majesty.

I also hope that we would think about what Job's experience can tell us about our own experience. What would Job be asking God if he lived in our culture? What might he make of a world living through a pandemic, a world experiencing natural disasters (fires, hurricanes), a country whose people are protesting racism and continued systemic inequity? As Job's thinking about his world evolves, how might his story guide ours?

Like Job, may we question our experiences and seek assurance within the mystery of God's creation.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

"Hope" is the thing with feathers by Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 9, 2020

10:30 a.m.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE: “*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*”

Tegan Palmer

from G.F. Handel's The Messiah

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN

I Will Call upon the Lord (GTG #621)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Rev. Randy Campbell, HR

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 for 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.

Our **August/September Summer Book Club** selection 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. Kegler's story will allow us to talk about the struggles of LGBTQ+ folks in the church and 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 – August – Dry milk, Oatmeal and other dry cereals. 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 Norman & Wamoth Spicer, June & Roy Stallsmith, Jeremiah Street, and Van Swan as well as First Presbyterian Church, Grants NM (1929).

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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MEDITATION – *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

--Hebrews 11:1

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Randy Campbell, HR

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Van Swan

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 Psalm 22)

The psalmist cries out, “My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me?” And yet he knows that God is holy: “In you, O God, our ancestors trusted, to you they cried, and you delivered them!”

Today, O Lord, do not be far away from us; come to us as we gather to tell of your name in the midst of the congregation! Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

I Greet Thee, Whom My Sure Redeemer Art, verses 1,3,5 (GTG #624)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Job 14:7-15

⁷ For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.

⁸ Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,

⁹ yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant.

¹⁰ But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they?

¹¹ As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, ¹² so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep.

¹³ O that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

¹⁴ If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come.

¹⁵ You would call, and I would answer you; you would long for the work of your hands.

Job 19:23-27

²³ ‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

SERMON

“The Scent of Water”

Rev. Katie Palmer