

**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 15**

7:30 a.m. – Time, Talent & Treasure Committee via Zoom

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie

2:00 p.m. – Community Life via Zoom

**Thursday, September 17**

3:30 p.m. - Afternoon Tea Time

**Friday, September 18**

8:30 a.m. – 2020 Committee via Zoom

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Randy Campbell HR

Worship Leader – Kent Reid

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – Carol Linder

.Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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September 6, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

When you receive this bulletin, D.R. and I will be on vacation, enjoying some of New Mexico's natural beauty, reading books, imagining what we see in the clouds, and just hanging out. It's fitting, I think, to offer here a poem about summer and about much bigger things, too. Below you'll find "The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver. The rest of this week's letter from the pastor is on vacation! ☺

Thank you to Randy Campbell for filling the virtual pulpit this week!

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

**THE SUMMER DAY**

by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean-  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

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## FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** – “Never think that you are worthless. God has paid an enormous amount for you. And the gifts keep coming” - The Essential Rumi, p. 315

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME** Rev. Randy Campbell, HR

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Kent Reid

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Leader:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*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**

**Leader:** Disciples and doubters, faithful and fearful,

**People: We are God's, who welcomes us all with unlimited love. Let's accept it.**

**Leader:** Followers and refusers, open-hearted and closed-minded,

**People: We are the Lord's, who offers abundant compassion to all. Let's accept it.**

**Leader:** Reconcilers and rabble-rousers, foolish and timid,

**People: We are the Spirit's, who challenges us to forgive as freely as God forgives us. Let's accept the challenge.**

**Leader:** Let's join together in genuine praise of Creator, Christ and Presence. Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

You are our forgiveness, Gracious God, because it is your very nature. You offer us compassion because you feel our fragility. Through Christ you welcome those weakened by oppressive forces, those hungering for hope in sickness and grief, and those harshly judged but never heard. May Christ be our model for ministry. Open us to your healing, Spirit of comfort, that your healing comfort might radiate through us into our pain-filled world.

God in Community, Holy in One, our Forgiveness, our Justice, our Healing, hear us as we lift our prayer to you. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” GTG #39

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Guide us, O God, by your word and spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your presence discover who we are as your people. Amen

**FIRST READING: PSALM 103:1-12** (Please read responsively, the lines in bold print)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

### **GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

### **SERMON**

“More than Seven Times?”

Rev. Randy Campbell, HR

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### **RESPONSE**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**CLOSING HYMN** “Help Us Accept Each Other” GTG #754

#### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Welcome!*

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

**Sunday Class:** The reading assignment for the Sunday Class for Adults and Youth, September 20 class session, is Part Six, pp. 125-142, of the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy. The series runs through Oct. 4. In October the Class will begin a study of *Man in White*, a biography of St. Paul by (That!) Johnny Cash. We will be using the hard cover edition (HarperCollins 1986). Used **hardcover** copies are available through Alibris, AbeBooks, Amazon and other dealers for \$5.50 to \$12 including tax and shipping. Those who do not shop online can have Richard Lindeborg order a copy of either book to be drop shipped to your address.

**Book Discussion Group** - In mid-September (date/time to be determined), the book group will discuss *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.

**Pastor Katie is on vacation.** For pastoral care needs, please contact the church office (505-425-7763) or Mary Schipper (505-429-0285).

**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 Allan Ayers & Lin Chibante, Murl Baker, and Christie & Douglas Baskett as well as White Rock Presbyterian Church of Los Alamos, NM (1967).