

## 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, October 20

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

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

6:30 p.m. – Discussion of *The Social Dilemma* via Zoom

#### Thursday, October 22

3:30 p.m. – Afternoon Tea Time via Zoom

#### Saturday, October 24

1:30 p.m. OTMCC - FUPC Parade

#### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Jan Beurskens

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

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Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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October 14, 2020

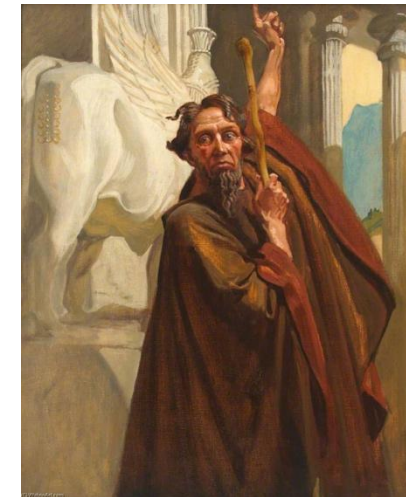
Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

When we gather via Zoom for the Lord's Day this Sunday, we will share communion together. Please have a bite of something simple to eat and a sip of something to drink ready. Remember: when Jesus sat at that table with his disciples, he took the elements most common to their kitchens—bread and wine—to share as he asked them to remember him. So our elements, too, can be the simple staples of our cupboards and refrigerators—a cracker or piece of fruit, a sip of juice or coffee. We can trust that Christ will be spiritually present in them.

This Sunday we will be hearing from the prophet Amos who, like Isaiah, Micah, and Hosea, prophesied in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. Amos was from the Southern Kingdom of Judah but was called to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, especially in the cities of Bethel and Samaria. Amos decried the disparity of wealth between

the rich and the poor. As we will hear on Sunday, he called out unjust and unequal treatment of people by the courts of the time. And he reminds us that God hates it when we pretend to be pious in worship but fail to act with love toward each other as soon as we walk away from our religious observances.

This 1954 painting, called "Amos the Spokesman of God," is by artist Frank O. Salisbury. What do you think the artist is saying about Amos?



We will also have a treat this Sunday as the response to the Word will be a virtual choir video of the lovely song "For Everyone Born." I'm grateful to Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, for permission to use this video. If you look closely, you might see our daughter Tegan among the singers. This song's lyrics are beautiful and so appropriate as we talk about issues of justice and God's steadfast love for us. I encourage you to spend some time with these words, which you'll find below.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

*For Everyone Born* (Music by Brian Mann; Text by Shirley Erena Murray)

V. 1: For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

V.2: For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

V.3: For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

V.4: For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

V.5: For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701  
October 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.



## VOICES OF THE PROPHETS

**MEDITATION** – *Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.* –Cornel West

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jan Beurskens

### **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** (Response from Psalm 80:3)

We come to worship you, O God, knowing that you despise empty worship.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We come to confess our missteps and to offer ourselves to serve your people.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We come to commit ourselves to work for justice and righteousness.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We come to worship you, O God!

**OPENING HYMN** *This Is the Day* (GTG #391)

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Amos 5:10-15; 18-24; 9:13-15

Chapter 5: <sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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<sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Chapter 9: <sup>13</sup> The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who ploughs shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed;

the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup> I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says the Lord your God.

### **SERMON**

*Justice in the Gate*

Rev. Katie Palmer

### WE RESPOND TO AND SEAL GOD'S WORD

### **RESPONSE**

*For Everyone Born* – Virtual Choir Video from Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*During the last supper, Jesus used common food and drink to show God's grace.*

*Today, we remember Jesus as we are nourished at this table using food and drink common to us.*

*You might use a cracker and juice, a piece of fruit and tea, toast and coffee.*

*We trust that the elements you use will become for you the presence of Christ.*

### **INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Please join the pastor in lifting your "bread" and "cup" at the appropriate time*

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (GTG #757)

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Welcome!*

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

**FUPC Parade – Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Meet in the parking lot of the Old Town Mission church about 1:30 p.m. We have crepe paper and balloons to decorate your car (or you can bring your own stuff). We will leave at 2 p.m. and make about 12 stops to members and friends of Las Vegas that cannot get out or can't drive. (You will get a map). A chance to wave, honk, say hi and feel connected. Come join the fun. If you have any questions, call Judy Long or Jan Buerskens.

The **Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class** for adults and youth is now discussing the book "Man in White" by Johnny Cash. The reading assignment for October 25 is Chapter 1 "The Vow," pp. 32-56. (The trial and stoning of Stephen; Paul's commission) p. 32-56. You can get a copy of the book quickly by using express mailing from Amazon, Alibris, Abe, or other online sources. The Class is using the 1986 hardbound (HarperCollins) white cover edition, rather than the newer black cover editions. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy to be shipped to your home.

Join us this Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a **discussion of the film *The Social Dilemma*** via Zoom. The discussion will be led by Frank Beurskens. Watch the film, which is available via Netflix or YouTube, then zoom in just as you would for worship to join the discussion. This thought-provoking film reveals what really goes on behind the screen when Facebook and other social media platforms create your news feed.

**Let's End Hunger One Step at a Time** - Register & donate to the FUPC CROP Hunger Walk

Team at [www.crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm). Also, checks to CWS/CROP can be sent to Patrick Rucker, CROP Walk Treasurer, c/o First United Presbyterian Church, PO Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – October--Peanut Butter and Jelly. 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 Wilma Cunico, Linda Cunningham, and Theresa DeHerrera as well as Ranchos Presbyterian Church, Taos NM (1892).

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

*October Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund – 505-429-1885*

*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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