

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

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

7:30 a.m. – TTT Committee via Zoom

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

Thursday, January 21

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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Sharon Vander Meer
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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January 13, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday, we will begin worshipping “On the Way with Jesus.” Our lectionary focuses on the gospel of Luke from now through mid-April. On these five Sundays before the beginning of Lent, we will walk with Jesus in the early part of his ministry. This week we focus on a Scripture text that scholars often call Jesus’ “inauguration sermon”—Luke 4:14-30. Here, Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah 61 and tells the congregation gathered together that the Scripture has been fulfilled in their hearing. It is fitting that, just three days before our country will hear an inaugural address from President-elect Biden, we will have an opportunity to hear the vision Jesus sets forth for his followers. We’ll explore the expectations set up in this “inaugural sermon” and, over the next few weeks, see how Jesus keeps his inaugural promises.

Thinking of Sunday’s text in terms of inauguration offers us an opportunity not only to think about the vision Jesus sets forth for his ministry, but how we see Jesus’ vision working (and not working) in our world. I hope that our interaction with this particular text will help us respond to our country’s inauguration ready to engage in the work of Christ here and now. The sermon response will be Linda Millemann’s poem “Imagine Such a World.” You will find it below.

If you’d like to think ahead about the coming few weeks’ Scriptures, they are:

January 24 – Luke 5:1-11

January 31 – Luke 6:1-16

February 7 – Luke 7:1-17

February 14 (Transfiguration Sunday) – Luke 9:28-45

We will also celebrate The Lord’s Supper on Sunday. Please have with you a bite to eat and a drink as you Zoom in for worship. Whatever elements are common to your kitchen will be fine; we trust Christ to nourish us in this meal regardless of whether we have bread and juice, toast and coffee, or apple slice and water.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

Imagine Such a World by Linda Millemann

Imagine for a moment
a world afloat
tipped and whirling
in a measureless, unending sea of stars
spinning every night
right back into day.

Imagine a world where
water falls
just falls
out of the sky.

Imagine clouds,
a visible invisibility,
that hold the weight of rain,
about to loosen from their feathered folds,
perfect in its cycle of return and rise,
filling the earth’s open, grateful mouth.

A world that offers
its soft arm of sleep
to follow every bursting day.

A world that beats a steady rhythm
of departure and return,
of new that follows old.

A world that can conceive
of both a winter and a spring.

A world so longing to be heard
it blooms a meadow full of birds
so longing for the dance
it sends a pulse
of river over rock,
of wind between the trees,
and sways to its own joy
In rippled grassy fields.

Imagine such a world
that offers all of this
and even more,
a place, a time
for each of us to bow, to burn
a blessed fire of ourselves.

Oh, world, almost too much to be imagined
only asking to be met
with our most keenly joyous vow of
yes.

No more
No less.

Imagine such a world.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 10, 2021 10:30 a.m.

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS

MEDITATION – *My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.* –Rory Cooney, Refrain of GTG #100, “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (a paraphrase of the Magnificat)

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Vander Meer

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mustard Seed Grant Recipient,
Las Vegas Literary Salon

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 146)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in mortals, whose plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, loves the righteous, watches over strangers, and upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Let us praise God in our worship!

OPENING HYMN *Let Us Build a House* (GTG #301)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

All In and Upside Down

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *Imagine Such a World* – a poem by Linda Millemann

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

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

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please join the pastor in lifting your “bread” and “cup” at the appropriate time

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *For Everyone Born* (GTG #769) Virtual Choir, Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver CO

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

- The next study for the **Sunday morning class for adults and youth, starting January 24**, is discussion of the book *“He said – I am ... and He is”* by Glenn C. Carlson, former Navy pilot, media personality and Presbyterian pastor. The book deals with the seven things Jesus asserted he is in the Gospel of John. The book is available from Xlibris.com in soft cover for \$14.99, for \$11.85 with free shipping from Amazon Prime and as a Kindle book for \$3.99. There are also a few used copies available for \$5 to \$10 with shipping from AbeBooks and Alibris. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home if you prefer.
- **Samaritan House Food Donations** – January – 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 Juli & Jeff Salman, Trudi Samuelson, and Shirley Sandoval as well as New Life Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1973).

January Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-454-9704

January Deacon of the Month - Juli Salman –505-429-0290

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Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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