

## 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, February 22

Newsletter Deadline

11:00 a.m. – Deacons via Zoom

#### Tuesday, February 23

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

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom

#### Wednesday, February 24

3:30 p.m. – Unity Orchard Steering Committee via Zoom

#### Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m. - Session Retreat via Zoom

#### Sunday, February 28

3:00 p.m. – Looking Beyond the Blinders to see EVERYONE  
virtual discussion with guest Nelson Capitan



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February 17, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As we enter the Lenten season, I invite you to commit to some regular quiet time for self-reflection and wide-eyed contemplation of the world around us and to participate in one or more Lenten disciplines. Worship is, of course, one of these disciplines. Our Lenten theme is “Looking Beyond the Blinders.” Our Scripture readings will take us to texts that I might refer to as “The Best of Luke,” or perhaps the best-known stories in Luke. We will look each week to see these well-known stories in new ways that show us how to look beyond whatever blinders we might be accustomed to. (We all wear blinders of some sort—blinders that make it easier for us not to see certain realities.)

One of the things that influenced the Worship and Music Committee (WAM) members as we discussed our theme was an article we read called “A Lent Where #BlackLivesMatter: 10 Ideas for Black History Month and the White Church” by David Roberts (<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/davidhenson/2015/02/a-lent-where-blacklivesmatter-black-history-month-and-the-white-church/>). WAM members liked the idea of looking not only inward, but outward toward societal shortcomings during Lent. Certainly, we need to remember issues of systemic racism against all people of color in our Lenten reflections. Our society faces serious problems with poverty, addiction, mental illness and many other issues as well. To this end, WAM is hosting three virtual discussions with guest speakers who will talk about some of these issues and who will invite questions and discussion. The schedule of these discussions, which will take place at our normal Zoom link at 3:00 p.m., is:

February 28 – Focus on indigenous peoples with speaker Nelson Capitan from the Laguna Pueblo;

March 7 – Focus on reaching out to immigrants with speaker Guillermo Yela from Camino de Vida Church;

March 28 – Focus on poverty and local needs with speaker George Lyon, Director of Samaritan House.

I also encourage you to add to your Lenten discipline some of the disciplines in the article referenced above. Check out the article (link above) and broaden the ideas suggested to think about how you might take off your blinders regarding some of the many issues facing our country and our world today. Follow social media blogs by people of color during this season; watch films that speak to issues of racism. The article suggests pairing films to see white and black history juxtaposed (e.g., *Gone With the Wind* and *12 Years a Slave*; *Mississippi Burning* and *Selma*). Look for the documentary *Witness at Tornillo* about separation of migrant families. A little online research will offer you lots of options for blogs, books, and films.

This Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, **we will celebrate the Lord's Supper**, so please have a bite of something to eat and something to drink with you when you Zoom in for worship. Remember, just as common foods for Jesus were bread and wine, foods common to your kitchen will be spirit-filled as we come to the table together. Juice and bread, tortilla and coffee, fruit and tea...God's presence will be with you whatever you bring to the table.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

February 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

**LOOKING BEYOND THE BLINDERS**

**MEDITATION** – *There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark.* –Helen Keller

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

Em Krall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bud Geng

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** – One Great Hour of Sharing

Karyl Lyne

**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** (inspired by Psalm 15)

O Lord, we come to abide in your tent, to dwell with you in a holy place.

**We seek to walk faithfully and to do what is right; to speak truth without degrading anyone.**

How can we not only love our friends, but be neighbors to all who are in need?

**Help us to recognize evil and to call it out, to honor those who crave rightful living, and to follow Christ no matter the cost.**

We gather together to worship our God, whose steadfast love redeems us.

**OPENING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (GTG #624, v. 1, 3, 5)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 10:25-37 from Eugene Peterson’s *The Message*

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

“A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

**SERMON**

*Won’t You Be A Neighbor?*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**RESPONSE**

*What Is the World Like* (GTG #771, v. 3)

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

*Doxology*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (GTG #727)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

*Looking Beyond the Blinders to See EVERYONE* – a Zoom discussion series for Lent, 3 p.m. on February 28, March 14, March 28. See Pastor Katie’s letter in this bulletin or the March newsletter for more details.

**Lenten Series:** This year’s study is a discussion of the book *Are We There yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent*, with an introduction by Marek P. Zabriskie (2017). The book is available new from the publisher -- Forward Movement -- for \$7 plus shipping and as a PDF download for printing or viewing at [bodysuitmx.blogspot.com](http://bodysuitmx.blogspot.com). Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home.

pp. 15-28: (The Week [starting] Ash Wednesday) “Purgation and Penitence”

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – February– Pasta and Sauce - 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 Diego, Connie, Carly, & Celina Trujillo, Beth Urech & Mark Gillingham, and Bob & Sharon Vander Meer as well as Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1969).

*February Elder of the Month – D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259*

*February Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper –505-429-0285*

*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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**Assisting in Worship This Week**

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Worship Leader – Bud Geng

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Visuals – Tegan Palmer

Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Jan Beurskens, Mark Gillingham,

Judy Long, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer, Kent Reid