

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, February 9

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

2:00 p.m. – Community Life via Zoom

Wednesday, February 10

2:00 p.m. – JOT via Zoom

Sunday, February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Assisting in Worship This Week

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



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February 3, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

When I first began writing these weekly letters, we were at the beginning of the pandemic. For the first many weeks, maybe even the first few months, I reminded you weekly to stay home, wear a mask if you had to go out, wash your hands frequently, and stay in touch through Zoom worship, phone calls, email, and old-fashioned snail mail. Now, we are more than 10 months into the pandemic and many of us have received one, if not both, COVID-19 vaccines. (I got my first one last Saturday.) I haven't said it in this weekly letter in a long time, but this week I remind you: continue to wear those masks, wash your hands frequently, and avoid crowded places. Remember that experts are still figuring out a lot of details about the vaccine's effects; the CDC are still recommending that, even after we've received both of our COVID shots, we continue to wear those masks, avoid close contact with others, and follow other COVID restrictions. But we have good news here in San Miguel County—our county has moved from “red” to “yellow” on the map, meaning that we are doing better with our control of COVID.

This Sunday, we walk with Jesus as he cures the servant of a Roman Centurion and resurrects the only son of a widow in the town of Nain and we will explore what these healing acts might say to us about Jesus' power and promise, and about the role of compassion in healing.

This week we also ordain Pam Abreu to the ordered ministry of the church as a Ruling Elder and install Pam and Judy Long to service on the Session. Unfortunately, during the time of Zoom worship, we will be unable to physically lay hands on them as we pray for their leadership to be guided by their faith in Christ, but we will do that as well as we can virtually. I am grateful for Pam and for Judy. They join a Session of faithful and creative leaders who are committed to our church family and to our community.

It seems fitting that, following worship and our ordination/installation of these officers, we will hold our annual congregational meeting. Although there are some things we are unable to do in a virtual meeting because of the nature of our polity, the congregation will receive the annual report and the 2021 budget (which Session has approved) and will approve the pastor's terms of call. By now, you will have received a copy of the annual report either electronically via email or via snail mail. The meeting will be brief and we will move into a time of fellowship afterward.

“See” you on Sunday!

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

February 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS

MEDITATION – *If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.*

--Dalai Lama

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D.R. Palmer

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 (Psalm 119:105-112, adapted from *The Message*)

By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.

When everything falls apart, God, put me together again with your Word.

I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.

I inherited your book on living O God; it's mine forever—what a gift!

I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.

Let us worship the God whose Word shows us how to live!

OPENING HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (GTG #385)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:1-17

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

SERMON

Compassion, Power and Promise

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE Excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God...

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. . . .

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *God of Our Life* (GTG #686)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

- We will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting** via Zoom following worship TODAY. Please plan to attend.
- **Sunday Morning Class:** Our adult/youth class is discussing the book "He Said - I Am ...and He Is" by Glenn C. Carlson. The book deals with the seven times in the Gospel of John that Jesus asserts "I am" The reading assignments each week include sections of the book and the related scripture passages. For the final session, February 14, the readings are "I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life" pp. 39-44, John 14: Jesus the way to the Father; "I Am the True Vine" pp. 27-31, John 15: Jesus the true vine; and "The End? Just the Beginning," pp. 45-46. At this late date, it would be best to order the Amazon Kindle edition for \$3.99 or pay for expedited shipping from Amazon or another vendor. Chapters are short, so Richard Lindeborg can scan them and email them to you.
- **Lenten Series:** This year's study (starting February 21) will be discussion of the book *Are We There yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent*, with an introduction by Marek P. Zabriski (2017). The book is available new in paperback from Amazon Prime for \$13.22 or used for as little as \$5.99 including shipping; from Alibris for as little as \$2.77 plus \$3.99 shipping; or AbeBooks for \$2.79 plus \$2.00 shipping. You may be able to get Paper Trail to order a copy, or Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home.
- **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 Jeremiah Street, Van Swan, and Maxine (Gordy) Thatcher, as well as Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1889).

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

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

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