

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, March 30

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

Noon - Buildings and Grounds

Thursday, April 1

9:30 a.m. - Worship and Music via Zoom

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Worship with Communion via Zoom



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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March 24, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Remember to drive by the church on Saturday between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. (from either east or west) to pick up your palms and receive a blessing. Then, have your palms with you Sunday morning when you Zoom in for worship. We'll be waving them as we join the crowds that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the words "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Our worship will take us from the loud shouts recognizing Jesus as the one who comes in the name of God to Jesus' lament that Jerusalem could not recognize the way of peace to his anger that the temple has become a marketplace. This movement in Luke's gospel draws us into Holy Week.

I ask that you spend time each day during Holy Week with the Jesus who walked the way of the cross for us. You might spend some extra time in prayer. You might read the gospel accounts of the Passion—Jesus' journey to the cross from the time of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (which we celebrate as Palm Sunday) to his crucifixion. You might write about or draw some of your thoughts about your understanding of the story of Jesus' final days and hours. Maybe you have questions about this story we hear each year; ponder those questions. Talk to others about them. Try to look at it anew.

And please plan to worship with us on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. as we walk with Jesus from his final supper with his disciples to the time of his death. We will share the Lord's Supper at this service, so please have elements with you on Friday evening.

Additionally, the recording of our Tenebrae service from last year's Good Friday service will be available through the website if you'd like to watch it during Holy Week.

It is a somber time in our practice of faith, but we do not honor Jesus' sacrifice by ignoring the pain of Holy Week and skipping directly to our celebration of Easter. In a world where we are in year two of a worldwide pandemic, where there have been mass shootings over the last couple of weeks, where people die from hunger and thirst and lack of medical care, it is important that we take time to remember what Jesus came to teach us and the price he paid for "pitching his tent" among us.

May you experience a week of holiness as together we continue to pry off our blinders, to see where we need to be God's hands and feet in the world, and to remember the journey of the one whose way we seek to follow.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

LOOKING BEYOND THE BLINDERS

MEDITATION – *Despair and hope. They travel the road to Jerusalem together, as together they travel every road we take—despair at what in our madness we are bringing down on our own heads and hope in him who travels the road with us and for us..* –Frederick Buechner

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christie Baskett

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 (Luke 19:29-38)

Please wave your palms as you shout the words in bold and during the opening hymn

When [Jesus] had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’**

Let us join the crowd, welcoming Jesus with our loud Hosannas!

OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (GTG #197)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:39-46

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, ‘If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.’

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, ‘It is written, “My house shall be a house of prayer”; but you have made it a den of robbers.’

SERMON

If Only...

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *All Who Love and Serve Your City* (GTG #351, v. 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* (GTG #215, v. 1-2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

- Join us TODAY at 3:00 for the third event in our Zoom discussion series with guest speaker George Lyon, Director of Samaritan House, who will open our eyes to issues of poverty, addiction, and need in our community.
- Remember you can donate to **One Great Hour of Sharing** up to and including Easter Sunday, April 4. This offering provides money to the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (32%) and to the Self-Development of People Program (32%). Please consider a generous offering to these important ministries of PCUSA by check to FUPC with OGHS in the memo line OR at the FUPC online donate button.
- There will be no Bible-based class for adults and youth on Easter Sunday. **After Easter**, the class will begin discussion of books by leading Old and New Testament scholars designed to put the current pandemic in a faith perspective. The books are *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief and Uncertainty* by Walter Brueggemann, and *God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath* by N.T. Wright. The Wright book will be provided free. Reserve a copy by March 29 via email to ralindeborg@cs.com. The Brueggemann book is available from Amazon.com in paperback for \$14.00 new (with a few used copies for less) and on Kindle for \$9.99. Other online vendors, such as Alibris.com and AbeBooks.com, have a few new and used copies for competitive prices. Paper Trail may be able to order copies, and Richard Lindeborg can order a new copy from Amazon Prime (shipping free). The reading assignment for the **April 11** first session is Brueggemann, pp. vii – xii, “Forward,” and “Preface” and Wright: pp. 1-6, Ch. 1—“Where do we Start?”
- **Samaritan House Food Donations** – March– Soup (any kind) - 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 Frank & Jan Beurskens, Rod Billingsley & Karen Topping, and Chad Boliek as well as El Rito Presbyterian Church, Chacon NM (1879).

March Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379

March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-617-0839

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

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Christie Baskett

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