

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, March 15

4:00 p.m. – Mustard Seed Committee via Zoom

Tuesday, March 16

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

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

Sunday, March 21

3:00 p.m. – Community Life Unity Orchard Social Event via Zoom



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March 10, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I am still puzzling a bit how we got to be in March of 2021. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? But we do seem to be upon the cusp of spring, don't we? I am actually seeing green things in my yard. They are mostly weeds, but still they are a reminder of the ways in which God's wisdom tends us as we observe winter giving way to spring and its fullness.

This coming Sunday, we will hear the familiar parables of a lost sheep and a lost coin and think about what those teaching stories of Jesus' can tell us about our experiences here and now. I invite you to think about something you've lost, whether it be something physical like a book or set of keys or something more abstract, like a kind of understanding or a confidence about something. How does remembering these lost things make you feel? Are you comfortable with the loss? Unsettled? Sad?

This Sunday, we will also have the opportunity to attend the second of our three Lenten discussions, this one with speaker Rev. Guillermo Yela from Camino de Vida Church in Albuquerque. Guillermo and his church are involved in immigrant ministry. (Guillermo is himself an immigrant from Guatemala.) We'll have an opportunity to learn about some of the issues of the immigrant community. Please plan to join us at 3 p.m. Just zoom in as you would zoom in for worship.

Having taken photos of big icicles hanging from my roof a couple of short weeks ago, the poem I share with you, below, seemed appropriate. Between now and when we are together on Sunday, enjoy the approach of spring!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

After the Freeze, the Thaw by Linda Millemann

Pausing on my morning walk
I heard the hillside melting.

Days of icy rain,
each layer brushed upon the next,
had left us wrapped in glassy arms
in fixed but fragile molds.
But now this shattering
this scattering
of still some perfect crystal casts.
All morning beneath a pale sun
this letting go,
a slow, soft rain of broken ice.

Falling from latticed branches
to the still dry leaves below.
Falling from wet red filigrees of thorny brush.
Falling from the buff hoops of bending grass.

An icy free fall
a delicate drumming
tumbling down.
Each fall triggering yet another one below
into sudden frozen floating sprays.

A great reckoning of gravity and grace.

And now loosened from their frozen grasp,
the trees and bushes, the fingered splays of grass
stretch slowly skyward
in their reach back up
towards heaven
once again.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

LOOKING BEYOND THE BLINDERS

MEDITATION – *The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost.*

--Gilbert K. Chesterton

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denice Spicer

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 (based on Ezekiel 34:16)

When we have gone astray and when we feel lost, we are assured:

God will bring back the strayed and seek the lost.

When we hurt and when we are weak, we are assured:

God will tend our hurt and strengthen us.

When we are oppressed and suffer from injustice, we are assured:

God will feed oppressors with justice.

Let us worship the God whose promises hold us in love!

OPENING HYMN *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* (GTG #42)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

SERMON

Lost Things

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

What Is the World Like (GTG #771, v. 2)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (GTG #542)

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** – Join us at 3:00 TODAY for our second Zoom discussion series with guest speaker Guillermo Yela, who will open our eyes to issues of immigrant peoples.
- **Unity Orchard Zoom Celebration** - Sunday, March 21, from 3 – 4 p.m. You are invited to share a poem, personal story, or favorite recipe with other attendees. Using apples, prepare something to eat and enjoy it during our Zoom celebration. In addition to your contributions, this celebration will have music and a fun activity for everyone. Hosted by Community Life. Join by going to our website (lvpresbyterian.org) and click on the “Join Us on Zoom” link.
- **Lenten Series:** This year’s study is 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. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home. The reading assignment for Mar 21: pp. 93-112: (The Fourth week of Lent) “Healing and Hope.”
- **After Easter**, the Sunday morning Bible-based class for Adults and youth will begin discussion of the book *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Reflections in a time of loss, Grief and Uncertainty* by Walter Brueggemann. Book availability is listed in the March newsletter, or contact Richard Lindeborg.

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 Pam Abreu & family, Susan Apodoca & Charlotte Wootton, and John Arnold & Bernadette Lujan as well as Aztec Presbyterian Church, Aztec NM (1889).

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

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

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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Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Denice Spicer

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