

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, April 13

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom
9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie via Zoom
10:30 a.m. – Community Life via Zoom

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. – Re-Entry Task Force via Zoom
2:00 p.m. – JOT



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April 7, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Christ is Risen! As we move into Eastertide, perhaps some of our blinders have been removed during the Lenten season; perhaps we are seeing things we haven't seen before, attentive to things in a deeper way. During Eastertide, we will walk with Jesus' disciples in Luke, Acts, and later in Galatia to see how they are *Moved by the Spirit* to open themselves to the new reality that Easter brings—that new reality that abundant life, not death, defines the road we walk as followers of Christ.

The news of Eastertide reaches us on Sunday as we join some disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus joins them on the road, but they don't recognize him. That alone is a powerful metaphor for us. But this story goes on to offer us many rich lessons about Christ's presence with us in our homes and places of sanctuary, but also on the streets of 2021 Las Vegas, New Mexico, and wherever we go.

Below I share a poem about that contemporary "Road to Emmaus" by Sandra Dugruid. May it give you pause to think about our individual and corporate call to recognize Christ's presence with us.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Road to Emmaus by Sandra Dugruid

There have been crucifixions, too,
in our town--innocents
gunned down in their doorways
or in school halls; or radiations
black outlines, three crosses
marked a sister's chest: no wonder
we walk in quiet rage, musing

And who, on this road, will join us,
seeming unaware
of the worst news in the neighborhood,
but spelling out the history of the prophets
and a future:
Ought not Christ to have suffered these things
and to enter into his glory?
Could our hearts still burn within us?

Will we ask the stranger to stay?
Break bread? And how
will our well-hammered and nailed
kitchens and bedrooms appear to us
when we understand who he is
just as he steals away?

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.

~~~~~**MOVED BY THE SPIRIT**~~~~~

**MEDITATION** – *Jesus is apt to come, into the very midst of life at its most real and inescapable. Not in a blaze of unearthly light, not in the midst of a sermon, not in the throes of some kind of religious daydream, but . . . at supper time, or walking along a road.* –Frederick Buechner

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Judi Ruprecht

**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 30)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**God has turned our mourning into dancing and has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy!**

Now our souls will praise God and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**OPENING HYMN** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* (GTG #231)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’

Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**SERMON** “Christ Works in Context” Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**RESPONSE** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (GTG #240, v. 4)

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING** *Doxology*

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

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**CLOSING HYMN** *When the Poor Ones* (GTG #762)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Please join us for the Presbytery of Santa Fe **Stewardship Fare from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 24**. This event, for all of us who wrestle with how to be faithful with our lives and resources, will be an interactive forum with keynote speaker the Rev. Shannon Webster. It will challenge us to examine the whole of stewardship in our lives, including exploring (1) Gratitude; (2) Biblical bases for stewardship; (3) Stewardship versus budgeting; (4) The differences between stewardship and fundraising; (5) “Who owns my stuff?” and (6) Practical tools in stewardship. Not just for church officers, this online event will be held via Zoom. To register, go to [santafepresbytery.org](http://santafepresbytery.org) and click on the link to register under “Stewardship” on the right side of the main page.

**Today the Sunday morning class for adults and youth** began discussion of *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. See the April newsletter or contact Richard Lindeborg for information on how to obtain the books. The reading assignment for **April 18** is Wright pp. 1-14, Ch. 1, “Reading the Old Testament” and Brueggemann, Chapter 1, pp. 1-20, “Reaping the Whirlwind--Leviticus Exodus, Job.”

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – April– Boxed Potatoes or other entrée. 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 Lin Chibante Ayers; Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto; Wilma Cunico as well as Cuba Presbyterian Church (1889).

*April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139*

*April Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund –505-429-1885*

*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**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer Visuals – Tegan Palmer Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford  
Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Jan Beurskens, Mark Gillingham,  
Judy Long, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer, Kent Reid