

## 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, April 5

Church Holiday – Office Closed and Unstaffed

#### Tuesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie via Zoom  
3:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking via Zoom



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March 31, 2021

### CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I spent some time looking at the letter I included with the Easter bulletin last year. Easter Sunday was our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worshipping virtually. I pointed out in that letter how different Easter would be, how different it would feel, how different we all were feeling. Of course, Easter comes and we recognize the risen Christ no matter the circumstances. But I am wondering how we are all feeling about Easter this year.

Last year, only a few weeks into the pandemic, seeing the statistics about the number of cases and the number of deaths on a steady rise, I was a bit asea. I had never experienced anything like this. I was worried about my family and about my church family. Still I knew, as I wrote in the letter, “the love of Christ is not confined to a church building or even to the physical gathering of God’s people. We **are** God’s people, together in God’s spirit if not in one location.”

I think we’ve demonstrated that togetherness over and over in the last year. We have continued to come together as a faith community. We have welcomed new faces into our worship. We have held meetings to make decisions about our church; we have studied and discussed books and ideas; we have celebrated happy occasions; and we have cried over the loss of loved ones together via Zoom. We have found ways to reach out and care for one another as we don masks and gloves and keep distanced. As we prepare for God’s light to dawn, welcoming the resurrection of Easter Sunday, we also see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. Many of us are vaccinated. Those statistics are showing fewer new cases and fewer deaths. Although there are still restrictions in place, we can imagine a time when things will look more normal. And yes; at some point, we will be able to worship together again in our sanctuary.

My last Easter letter also mused about what the future will see when it looks back on Easter 2020. The hope I expressed a year ago still stands. I wrote:

I especially hope the future will look back and see that this Easter, as we celebrated Jesus’ resurrection and our new life in Christ, we also chose resurrection for ourselves and for this world God created. I hope that this will be known as a time in which we re-created ourselves as a people living priorities set by a new understanding of all we hold in common, by a new concern for God’s gifts of each other and of creation, and by a new commitment to live in unity.

I still hope those things. I hope that the months of living in the reality of COVID has not numbed us to our need to escape our old “normal,” but has committed us to create that new normal. I again include here the untitled poem, written by Kitty O’Meara, that I shared with you last Easter. May you ponder it anew.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

And the people stayed home.  
And read books, and listened, and rested,  
and exercised, and made art, and played games,  
and learned new ways of being, and were still.  
And listened more deeply.  
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.  
Some met their shadows.  
And the people began to think differently.  
And the people healed.  
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,  
dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,  
the earth began to heal.  
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,  
they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images,  
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,  
as they had been healed.

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

April 4, 2021 10:30 a.m.



**MEDITATION** – “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**AT THE TOMB, EVENING** Luke 23:50-56 Carol Linder

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action [against Jesus]. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with [Jesus] from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Were You There* (GTG #228, v.5) Karyl Lyne

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**AT THE TOMB, MORNING** Luke 24:1-12 Carol Linder, Chad Boliek

[O]n the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Be Not Afraid* (GTG #243)

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (GTG #232)

**MESSAGE** *Look for the Living* Rev. Katie Palmer

**ANTHEM** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Em Krall  
Donald Fishel, arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**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.*

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING** Doxology

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

**WE SEAL GOD’S WORD**

**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** *Christ Is Alive!* (GTG #246)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* arr. Richard Proulx Em Krall

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

**New class series starts April 11.** The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth 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. (Contact Richard Lindeborg by email at [ralindeborg@cs.com](mailto:ralindeborg@cs.com) to have a copy shipped to you.) The Brueggemann book is available from [Amazon.com](https://www.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](https://www.alibris.com) and [AbeBooks.com](https://www.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 readings 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** – 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 Renee, Peter & Alastair Buchanan, Randy Campbell, and Robin Carlson & Les Jones as well as El Buen Pastor United Presbyterian Church, Chimayo NM (1903).

*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 – Carol Linder

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall

Reader- Chad Boliek 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