

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

Saturday, May 22

10:00 a.m. – Joyce Litherland Memorial Service via Zoom

Monday, May 24

11:00 a.m. – Deacons via Zoom

Tuesday, May 25

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

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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May 19, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

The Spirit is among us! Sunday is Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Spirit to the Jesus followers gathered in Jerusalem after his death. The order of worship will look a little different as we focus on the story of Pentecost and what it means for us that the Spirit walks with us. We will also have the pleasure of introducing new members to the congregation. As we gather in our virtual Zoom worship space, please wear colors of flame—red, orange, and yellow—to celebrate Pentecost. You will also be receiving a special Pentecost box in which you will find a Pentecost streamer to wave at appropriate times during worship. Have that with you and hang onto the box! Each Sunday for the next few weeks, I'll be asking you to put into your "Spirit box" something that reminds you of a way you've experienced the Spirit. Perhaps you'll want to keep your box where the items you place in it will remind you of the ways in which you've encountered the Spirit.

Even as we prepare to joyfully celebrate Pentecost, we are a family feeling deep loss following the death of Joyce Litherland, who died on May 11. Joyce was such an integral part of this faith community. She was ordained as a Ruling Elder in 1979 and, during the last 42 years, served on Session several times. Most recently, she began a term of service last year. She served in so many other ways as well. Her strong faith and her commitment to the church family and to the Las Vegas community will be remembered for a very long time. We will be celebrating Joyce's life via Zoom on Saturday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. If you'd like to attend, Zoom in as you normally would for worship.

Finally, mark your calendars! After more than 14 months worshipping only via Zoom, we plan to begin our hybrid worship services on June 6. Some of us will meet together in the sanctuary, wearing masks and following distancing and other COVID guidelines, while others will Zoom in. If you have not yet completed the recent FUPC survey, please do so ASAP. In it, we ask whether you plan to worship in person or via Zoom. While we hope to be able to seat people in both the sanctuary and Perea Hall, we don't yet know for certain if equipment installation in Perea Hall will be complete by the 6th. We need to know how many folks to expect, as the sanctuary will have limited seating capacity as long as distancing requirements are in place. Under current restrictions, the sanctuary can accommodate only about 25 people, so we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend in person. Restrictions continue to change, so please follow announcements in our bulletins, the June newsletter, and special notices for details as we approach June 6.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 23, 2021 10:30 a.m.

MOVED BY THE SPIRIT- PENTECOST

MEDITATION – *The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.* – Henri Nouwen

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Randy Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Acts 2:1-2)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

OPENING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Come to Us* (GTG #284)

THE SPIRIT COMES

THE CRY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE WIND*

Randy Campbell, Katie Palmer, Beth Urech

THE SPIRIT FILLS THEM – Acts 2:3-4

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

THE LANGUAGES OF PENTECOST - Acts 2:17-18

Speakers	
English – Randy Campbell	Arabic – Gail Malley
French – Murl Baker	German – Art Trujillo
Koine Greek – Katie Palmer	Spanish – Maria Weinrich

LITANY OF HOPE*

THE SPIRIT ENABLES - Acts 2:5-8

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?’

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

O God, we confess our amazement and confusion in the face of your truth. Our eyes have not been looking for your tongues of fire. Our hearts have not been open to be filled. Our gifts have gone unused, and we have not appreciated the gifts of others. Descend upon us, Holy Spirit, that our lives may reflect your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* (GTG #288)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT – adapted from Acts 2:22-47

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 and the spirit’s movement in their lives.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Nina Marquez Johns, Ann Taylor-Trujillo, Maria Weinrich

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

On this Pentecost Sunday, your worship leaders will offer The Lord’s Prayer in both English and Spanish, simultaneously.

Please join from home in whatever language is comfortable for you.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN – *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* (GTG #287)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Adapted from “A Group of Believers” by Ann Weems in *Reaching for Rainbows: Resources for Creative Worship*, 1980.

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

The Sunday morning class will not meet on May 30. The last session of the class series on the books *Virus as a Summons to Faith* and *God and the Pandemic* is June 6. The reading assignment is *God and the Pandemic* by N.T. Wright pp. 52-76 Ch. 5: “Where do we go from Here?”

The next book for discussion by the class is *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize winning biographer of George H.W. Bush, Thomas Jefferson, and Andrew Jackson, and author of *The Soul of America and American Gospel* among others. Please order your book soon or ask Richard Lindeborg to order one for you so it will arrive before the first class session on June 13. Ordering information is in the May newsletter.

Samaritan House Food Donations – May– Rice and beans. 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 Willie Ann Lansing, Rudy Laumbach and Richard and Susan Lindeborg as well as United Presbyterian Church, Laguna (1878).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leaders – Rev. Randy Campbell and Beth Urech

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, Karyl Lyne, Judy Long, Mark Gillingham and Kent Reid

Important Notice! Please read!

ONLINE GIVING TIPS

Did you know that your online contribution to the church has a STOP DATE???

Tom and I discovered this the hard way...

If you have set up automatic donations from your bank to the church, they may have stopped on their own.

If you have not received a confirmation of giving from your bank, or on your monthly statement, you might want to go to the church home page and find the DONATE button at the bottom.

Log in to your account. On the "my scheduled transaction" line, there is an "action" button on the right side. Press that to access a new page, which will have a "donation end date" at the bottom. Be sure that box is BLANK. If there is a date present, your payment was stopped as of that date.

Your donations are very much appreciated!!!