

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 in the sanctuary, via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, June 28

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

Tuesday, June 29

NO Coffee with Katie



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June 23, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday we complete our series on "The Church at Work." Over the course of the last few weeks, we've been reminded about the church's work to adapt to change—as we moved to Zoom worship some 15 months ago and as we have moved into hybrid worship. And we've been reminded about our work to celebrate and support all of God's people as we have talked about the wonder of diversity among our human family and the very real need to continue our work toward equality and justice. On Sunday, we will ponder how we work to follow the Spirit's call in our lives and explore the difficulty we sometimes have in talking about our spiritual questions. I hope you will join us, on Zoom or on site, for worship this week. Please note that we won't be taking reservations this week, as we have had plenty of room the last few weeks to accommodate those who've wanted to be in the sanctuary.

Please note that I will be on study leave this coming week (June 28-July 4). I will be focusing on worship planning for the next several months. I always love taking time to delve into lectionary Scripture readings and to discern what they might want us to hear from them. Please pray that God's Spirit will give me insight during this time. Rev. Randy Campbell will be with you in worship on July 4.

Finally, friends, I want to acknowledge that we are once again a church family in grief. Please hold Gail in your prayers as well as Bernie's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as they grieve Bernie's death. And, of course, reach out to one another with your memories of Bernie. It is always especially hard for a church family to suffer losses close together, as we have with Joyce's death last month and Bernie's earlier this week. Perhaps the poem below, "In Lieu of Flowers" by Shawna Lemay, will be helpful to you at this time. I think that both Bernie and Joyce would have liked it.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

In Lieu of Flowers by Shawna Lemay

A few years ago I read a friend's father's obituary on Facebook. His father had requested *in lieu of flowers, please take a friend or loved one out for lunch.*

Although I love flowers very much, I won't see them when I'm gone. So in lieu of flowers: Buy a book of poetry written by someone still alive, sit outside with a cup of tea, a glass of wine, and read it out loud, by yourself or to someone, or silently.

Spend some time with a single flower. A rose maybe. Smell it, touch the petals.

Really look at it.

Drink a nice bottle of wine with someone you love.

Or, Champagne. And think of what John Maynard Keynes said, "My only regret in life is that I did not drink more Champagne." Or what Dom Perignon said when he first tasted the stuff: "Come quickly! I am tasting stars!"

Take out a paint set and lay down some colours.

Watch birds. Common sparrows are fine. Pigeons, too. Geese are nice. Robins.

In lieu of flowers, walk in the trees and watch the light fall into it. Eat an apple, a really nice big one. I hope it's crisp.

Have a long soak in the bathtub with candles, maybe some rose petals.

Sit on the front stoop and watch the clouds. Have a dish of strawberry ice cream in my name.

If it's winter, have a cup of hot chocolate outside for me. If it's summer, a big glass of ice water.

If it's autumn, collect some leaves and press them in a book you love. I'd like that.

Sit and look out a window and write down what you see. Write some other things down.

In lieu of flowers,

I would wish for you to flower.

I would wish for you to blossom, to open, to be beautiful.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

June 27, 2021 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

MEDITATION – *You do not need to work to become spiritual. You **are** spiritual; you need only to remember that fact. Spirit is within you. God is within you.* –Julia Cameron

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE Alex Ditton

*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

Surely the Lord is in this place

for we are the family of God, whose steadfast love never ceases!

We welcome one another in Jesus' name

for Christ is present among us as we gather to worship!

OPENING HYMN *God Is Calling through the Whisper* (GTG #410)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*We remember that, **before** we confess and no matter what we confess to God,
we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy.*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Spirit of the Living God, thank you for walking with us on our life's journey. We know that you guide us; we also know that we sometimes fail to listen for your guidance. We confess that we often forget that you are nearby to shepherd us. We confess that, when we have questions or doubts about how you work in our lives, we set them aside rather than engage in conversation with others who also wonder about your work in the world. Guide us, we pray, to build relationship with you and with others among whom we can discuss our deepest questions, be open about our spiritual questions, and learn and grow together. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she

urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

SERMON *Spirit Talk*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Go to the World!* (GTG #295)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



WELCOME!!!

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

The Sunday morning class for adults and youth will not meet on Sunday, July 4. The class is now discussing *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham. Ordering information is in the June newsletter. Richard Lindeborg can order you a book, too. The reading assignment for the July 11 class session is *The Third Word: "Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy Mother!"* pp. 55-60. Class is now at 9 a.m. instead of 9:15.

Pastor Katie will be on Study Leave from June 28 – July 4. Please contact the church office or Mary Schipper (505-429-0285) for pastoral care needs.

Samaritan House Food Donations – June– Flour and Sugar. 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 Lydia Palomino, Bob and Carrol Pearson and Chuck and Duffy Peterson as well as Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Peñasco, NM (1881).

June Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-454-9704

June Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo –505-617-0459

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