

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, July 26

11:00 a.m. – Deacons in Perea Hall

Tuesday, July 20

8:30 a.m. – Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds in Perea Hall

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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July 21, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Someone recently commented to me that the summer is passing quite quickly. I have to agree; how did it get to be late July?

I am thankful that, as the summer races by, we are offering hybrid worship so that those who want to gather in the sanctuary can do so and those who are comfortable on Zoom can be with us virtually. I think everyone very much enjoyed having Em in the sanctuary to play the prelude and postlude last week. She will also be playing the hymns live starting this week—I can't wait!

Last week as we began the new series *God's BIG Picture*, I invited you to step into an exploration of what it means that God's plan is to "gather up all things" in God—a plan that stretches beyond a certain people to include the entirety of God's creation. I also invited you to think about the cosmic Christ—the Christ we read about in John 1, who is called the Word; the Christ who was in the beginning with God and who only later, in Jesus, became Christ incarnate. What does it mean that the eternal Christ, God's anointed, exists always—as Richard Rohr would say, any time matter and Spirit come together, which is everywhere the case?

This week, we continue to look at God's BIG Picture, focusing on God's desire for us to live in community. What is community? How do we understand and misunderstand it? How can we conceive of it in BIG terms and live in that BIG community? I look forward to seeing you Sunday, in the sanctuary or on the screen, as we wrestle with the challenge of community.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Pam Abreu
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton & Susan Apodaca
Tech Crew: Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Patrick Rucker, Jeff Salman, Denice Spicer

July Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053

July Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

July 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

God's BIG Picture

MEDITATION – *A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role.* –Yehuda Berg

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

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 (inspired by Ephesians 6:18-24) Pam Abreu

One: We seek to pray in the Spirit at all times.

All: We pray for one another and encourage each other.

One: We seek peace for the whole community, and love with faith.

All: We remember these prayers as we gather to worship the God who gives us the beauty of the earth and the joy of community!

OPENING HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* (GTG #14)

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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Gracious God, you made us to live in community and to know the joy of relationship. Forgive us when we take others for granted and when we fail to think in terms of "us" rather than "me." Guide us to know an ever bigger idea of community, understanding that your entire creation was made for unity. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:18-23

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man here was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be.

Ephesians 4:25, 29-32

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. . . . Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

SERMON

Made for Community

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (GTG #306)

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 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 25 session is *The Fifth Word: "I Thirst."* pp. 75-80. Class on Zoom is now at 9 a.m. instead of 9:15.

The next class series (starting August 22) is discussion of *A People's History of Christianity: The other Side of the Story* by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available used from Amazon for as little as \$.99 hardback and \$2.00 paperback (plus shipping) and from other online vendors, such as Alibris.com and AbeBooks.com for competitive prices. Paper Trail may be able to get copies fairly quickly as can Richard Lindeborg. Order by the end of July to be safe.

Samaritan House Food Donations – July– 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 Lin Chibante (Ayers), Jim, Siobhan, and Sean Croto, and Wilma Cunico as well as the Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba NM (1889).

Calling all Keys! If you have any church keys, please let the office know by Monday August 2nd so that we can put you on the list to receive an entry code as Trustees and B&G implement the new SimpliSafe security system in mid-August. If you have a key you no longer need, please return it! For questions, contact Carol Linder 505-429-2139,

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Mission & Peacemaking is once again sponsoring Christmas in July. This PCUSA Offering allows us to pick an item from the PCUSA Giving Catalogue. As in the past, we chose the Garden Well which provides a village with access to a safe, reliable drinking water source. A Garden Well costs \$1500 and we funded 1 and 1/4 Garden Wells last year. We hope you'll continue to support this project with your generosity. Please donate online or by check today to 'Christmas in July', and thanks!