

## HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find 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, September 6

Labor Day – Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 7

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom  
9:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie via Zoom  
3:00 p.m. – Officers' Training via Zoom

#### Wednesday, September 8

2:00 p.m. – JOT Meeting via Zoom



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September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.

## God's BIG Picture

**MEDITATION** – *A sense of humor... is needed armor. Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life.* –Hugh Sidey

### 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** (adapted from Psalm 30:10-12) Judy Long

One: Hear us O Lord, and be gracious to us! O Lord, be our helper!

All: **You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have clothed us with joy.**

One: Let us praise you and not be silent.

All: **O God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

**OPENING HYMN** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (GTG #403)

**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**

**Holy Creator God, thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness toward us. Forgive us when we are unable to be as steadfast toward you as you are toward us. When our faith and strength fail us, we pray that you lend us yours. Help us grow into individuals and a community who stand firm in truth and faith and who proclaim your steadfast love wherever we find ourselves. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but

against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**SERMON** *Gearing Up for God* 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** *May the God of Hope Go with Us* (GTG #765)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



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

**Thank you** for your understanding as we return this week to Zoom-only worship for the month of September. With COVID case numbers in the county higher than they've ever been before, the Re-Entry Task Force decided this is the best way to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will re-evaluate at the end of the month to make a decision about whether we will be able to return to having in-person worship as an option in October. In the mean time, please stay safe!

**The Bible-based class for adults and youth** is discussing *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](http://Alibris.com) and [AbeBooks.com](http://AbeBooks.com) for competitive prices. Paper Trail may be able to get copies fairly quickly as can Richard Lindeborg. The reading assignment for the September 12 session is Chapter 3, pp. 59-84. A description of the book and a list of the weekly reading assignments are in the September Newsletter. Class is from 9 to 9:50 a.m. on Zoom

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – September– Canned milk, canned vegetables. 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 Bonnie and Art Trujillo, Diego, Connie, Arthur, Carly and Celina Trujillo and Beth Urech and Mark Gillingham as well as Smith Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Truchas, NM (1903).

*September Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379*

*September Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457*

*Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

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**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer      Worship Leader – Judy Long

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne      Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford      Usher Coordinator – Kevin Johnson

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