

**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, October 25**

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

1:00 p.m. – Re-Entry Task Force

**Tuesday, October 26**

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

11:00 a.m. - Buildings and Grounds

6:30 p.m. – Session Meeting



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1000 Douglas Avenue  
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**WELCOME!!** - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week!

October 3, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I write this, D.R. and I are preparing to be away for a couple of weeks. When I see you on October 24, I will have been on study leave, doing some worship planning and catching up on a ton of reading, then on vacation, visiting my home town, where my siblings and I will have held a sibling reunion.

I will be eager to see you all at our Zoom worship service on Sunday. I leave with you this week a poem appropriate for the season, knowing one can never go wrong sharing Mary Oliver!

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**A Song for Autumn**  
by Mary Oliver

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now  
how comfortable it will be to touch  
the earth instead of the  
nothingness of the air and the endless  
freshets of wind? And don't you think  
the trees, especially those with  
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come—six, a dozen—to sleep  
inside their bodies? And don't you hear  
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,  
the everlasting being crowned with the first  
tuffets of snow? The pond  
stiffens and the white field over which  
the fox runs so quickly brings out  
its long blue shadows. The wind wags  
its many tails. And in the evening  
the piled firewood shifts a little,  
longing to be on its way.

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer      Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht  
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne      Accompanist – Em Krall  
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford      Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

October 24, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**GOD GIVES US BREAD**

**MEDITATION** – *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.* –Jesus, John 6:51

**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 104:14-16)

Judi Ruprecht

One: God causes the grass to grow for the cattle and waters the trees, which offer their branches to the birds for nests.

**All: God gives plants for people to use, to bring forth food and the beauty of flowers from the earth.**

One: God's fruit gives us wine to gladden our hearts and oil to make our faces shine.

**All: God's grain gives bread to strengthen our hearts. Let us praise the God who feeds us!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (GTG #396, v. 1 - 3)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 16:1-18, John 6:51

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards

the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents."' ' The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

**SERMON**

*As Much As We Need*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

**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** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* (GTG #770, v. 1-4)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

The Bible-based class for adults and youth is winding up its discussion of *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available from online vendors, and Paper Trail may be able to get copies fairly quickly, as can Richard Lindeborg. The reading assignment for the Oct. 31 session is Chapter 13 and the Epilogue, from the section on Contemporary Christianity, pp. 285-310. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom.

On November 7, the Bible-based class for adults and youth will begin a three-week discussion of John Donne's Holy Sonnets. The reading assignment for the first session is Sonnets 1-6. Please email Richard Lindeborg to request a copy of the sonnets. ([ralindeborg@cs.com](mailto:ralindeborg@cs.com))

**The ZOOM Bingo game** has been **postponed** to sometime this winter. It was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 24. Thanks for your understanding!

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – October– Peanut Butter and Jelly. 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 Frank and Jan Beurskens, Rod Billingsley and Karen Topping and Chad Boliek as well as La Mesa Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1944).

*October Elder of the Month –D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259*

*October Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund –505-429-1885*

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