

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

Monday, March 21

11:00 a.m. – Training for Food Distribution via Zoom
(If interested in participating, contact Karyl Lyne)

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie
6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



First United Presbyterian Church
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.

March 16, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Our guest minister, Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson, is bringing his life and experience to us in our Lenten Theme, **“I Know that Voice,”** by turning to Hebrew Scriptures. “To Listen,” says Bob, in his clear and creative way, will lead us back to the Hebrew word for **Listen--“Shema.”** The famous “Shema” from Deuteronomy 6 gets its name from this beautiful Hebrew word. The Shema begins, **“Hear (Listen), O Israel, the LORD your God, the LORD, is one....you shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor.”**

Bob's key question: *How do we keep alert to listen, to hear, to be mindful of, to embody in our actions that voice as it calls us to in the holy place (worship) and the market place (all of daily life)?*

In his own Lenten journey, Bob prays and invites us to pray that we may have a closer walk with our Lord. To do that is TO LISTEN TO THAT VOICE, hear that guidance and receive that love and support, which we need at all times and in every place. This is the hymn Bob wrote for Lent:

To the hymn tune "Just A Closer Walk With You"

V 1 Sometimes *lost but You have found,*
Placed my feet on solid ground,
Turned my very life around
Keep me close, as I walk,
Close to You.

V3 *At the crossroads to decide,*
Feeling no one by my side,
Come, Lord Jesus, be my guide,
Let me walk, on the path,
Close to You.

REFRAIN

Just a closer walk with you.
Show Your love in all I do
Oh your power to see me through
Let it be, O Lord, let it be.

REFRAIN

V4 Though this world with peril filled,
Clear my head and nerve my will,
Grant me calm and vision still
In this day, guide my way.

Close to You.

V 2 At those *times when I'm alone,*
Feeling distant, far from home,
Jesus' love made me his own
Bring me close, in my walk,
Close to You.

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Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, when I will get to serve as Worship Leader while Bob preaches.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson

Worship Leader – Rev. Katie Palmer
Accompanist – Em Krall
Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer, Tom Trigg
Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701
 March 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION -- “Though this world with peril filled,/Clear my head and nerve my will,
 Grant me calm and vision still/In **this day**, guide my way,
 Close to You.” – Rev. Robert Nicholson

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In these times of disconnectedness, health threats and isolation, more than ever we need a sense of community and expression of care for one another. The Hebrew word for Peace was *SHALOM*. It meant: *Well Being, Wholeness and Health be yours*. Let us greet one another in Hebrew as Jesus would have done in the Synagogue in Nazareth as he passed the peace.

All: *Shalom aleikhem, peace be upon you.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you:

All: **Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you.**

One: Grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts.

All: **May our hearts bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** to the tune of *To God Be the Glory* (GTG #634) with lyrics by Pastor Bob

*To God be the glory great things God has done; great love shown in action, a people made one
 God guided the Hebrews through perils of sea; created a people, that includes you and me.*

Refrain: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
 O come to Creator and Jesus PIONEER (see Note A)
 and give God the glory, in the work we do here.*

*To God be the glory great things God will do
 God loved the world, God loves you and me too
 Great outcomes and blessings will come by God's grace;
 As we partner with God showing love in this place.*

Repeat Refrain

(NOTE A: Hebrews 12:2 “...Jesus the Pioneer of our faith”)



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Do not let us stray from you, the Way; nor distrust you, the Truth; nor rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen. (*A Time of Silence*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

One: God said, “I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you.”

All: God forgives us and helps us change our lives!

One: So let us give thanks to God!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI to the tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (GTG #611)

*Glory be to God the Father who created heaven and earth
 Now give thanks for Christ God’s Son who came to certify our worth
 Praise we too the Holy Spirit, offering us new birth and joy
 Three in One now bidding us, our gifts and talents to employ. Amen.*

A LIFE SAVING ACT: A Cub Scout Saves his Grandmother’s life: 2.5 minute demonstration
 Do You know YOUR 3 B’s + TFS?

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 3:9 - But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’

Exodus 3:14 - God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ’

Matthew 22:35-40 - ...[O]ne of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

SERMON *Do You Hear What I Hear? I Know That Voice* Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Confession of 1967*, 9:29)

“As God has spoken the Divine Word in various cultural situations, the church is confident that God will continue to speak in our changing world and in every form of human culture.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

(Seal of John Calvin)



WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING of Self and Substance

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune, Old Hundredth, GTG # 606)

*Praise God with heart and hands and voice; Praise God, in every land, rejoice
 Praise God in every word and deed; Praise God who comes and now we’re freed.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** (to the tune of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, GTG #475;
lyrics by a Presbyterian colleague and friend, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

*All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.*

*For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.*

*For the ways we're blessed with plenty— love and laughter, neighbors, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.*

*For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.*

*For your presence in our neighbors, for your love that claims and frees.
For our talents and our labors, for our faith communities.
For your daily great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, as your gifts of grace abound.*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING TO THE CONGREGATION**

May our God, who dwells with you and within you:
Ready your hearts to love God *more fully*
Ready your minds to see God's vision for you *more clearly*
Ready your hands to serve God *more diligently*
And embrace your whole lives
to show your love more completely to all who pass this way!

***POSTLUDE**



WHEN THE WORSHIP IS OVER, THE SERVICE BEGINS!

*Please stand as you are able

OPPORTUNITIES



FUPC will distribute food boxes supplied by the **Food Depot in Santa Fe** on the 2nd Friday of every month beginning Friday, April 8, 8:30-11:30 am. The distribution will be at the Old Town Mission parking lot at Chavez and Socorro Streets. We'll need volunteers to get the boxes into cars and distribute produce and dairy products. To volunteer, contact Karyl Lyne at karyl505@gmail.com or 505-718-6475, and thank you. There will be an **online training at 11 a.m., March 21**, so please let Karyl know of your interest before then. You can join the training via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86725688438?pwd=QVR2UHJMdFkyYWhYanYxM3R4Mk9sdz09>.

There will be no Lenten Study Class on March 27. The study, led by Pastor Katie, uses the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. Sessions will resume on April 3 from 9 to 10 a.m. on the same link as Sunday worship. The reading assignment for April 3 is Part IV, "Making a Difference. Together." (pp. 79 – 104). For information about ordering the book, contact Richard Lindeborg.

The Sunday morning bible-based class for adults and youth will start a new series on April 24 with discussion of the book *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. The sessions, led by Karyl Lyne and Richard Lindeborg, will run through June 12 on Zoom or, it is hoped, in hybrid from 9 to 10 a.m. The books, (1997) hardbound or (2002) paperback, are available new from Amazon for \$11.01, or second hand for anywhere from \$1 to \$6. The electronic edition is \$5.99. A few copies are available at competitive prices from Alibris and Abebooks; Paper Trail may be able to order a copy. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy delivered directly to you for no shipping charge.

Lenten Devotionals, written by FUPC members, are available on Facebook and on our website. Devotional writers are Beth Urech, D.R. Palmer, Murl Baker, Renee Soderlund, Richard Lindeborg and Sharon VanderMeer. Check them out!

During **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world by supporting three key missions with a special offering received during Lent. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, "works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees." The **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, which receives 36% of the funds raised, "takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed." **Self-Development of People**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, "invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impacts of these issues." Please consider giving generously to OGHS. The needs are great.

Related to OGHS, the Presbyterian Hunger Program has put together a "**Tread Lightly for Lent**" **Daily reflection-action calendar** to help us during Lent to slow down and become mindful of our individual and collective impact on the world and to explore ways we can move towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. You can download the calendar from the PCUSA website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>.

Don't toss out that glass! The Community Life Committee, in cooperation with a local glass crushing venture and our landscaping committee, will collect your glass bottles and jars, colored or clear, for the months of April and May for a landscaping project. If you can wash them and get the labels off, it is appreciated. We will have a few boxes at the church for collection, and are willing to come pick up your glass from you. Call Pam at 505-429-3053 to arrange for pickup.

Samaritan House Food Donations – March – Canned meats (tuna, chicken, stew). Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7th Street.

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 Shirley Sandoval, Mary Schipper and Tom Trigg and Renee and Jerry Soderlund as well as United Church of Los Alamos, Los Alamos, NM (1947).

March Elder of the Month – Corky Halverson 505-235-7914

March Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund –505-429-1885

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