

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**

**Tuesday, March 8**

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Travelers Cafe

**Wednesday, March 9**

2:00 p.m. – JOT

**Thursday, March 10**

9:00 a.m. – Community Life



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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

March 2, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

First, the news you've been waiting for: we will return to our hybrid worship format this week, so please join us in the sanctuary for worship if you'd like. Of course, you are welcome to continue worshipping online if that is more comfortable for you.

As we enter into the season of Lent, I invite you to adopt some kind of Lenten ritual for yourself—one that will allow you to grow and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Perhaps for you that will mean a fasting practice or giving up a particular food or activity in order to let the absence of that thing draw you to time with God. Perhaps it will mean being more disciplined about setting aside a time for prayer. Or perhaps it will mean adding something to your schedule that will enhance your relationship with God—a volunteer practice or a healthy practice that honors the body and mind God gave you. Whatever works to focus your attention each day on your relationship with God, give it your commitment and see where it leads you. You may want to make a practice of jotting down some reactions to your Lenten practice so that you have a record of what you learn along the way.

Our Lenten theme, "I Know That Voice," asks you to pay attention to the way Jesus' voice is heard in the Scripture stories we will read and asks you to heighten your awareness of how you hear Jesus' voice in your own life. With what other voices or noise does Jesus' voice compete? How have you learned to hear Jesus' voice above all the other noise you hear? Certainly it is a struggle for all of us to discern that steadfast, reliable and loving voice amid all the noise in our lives. I hope this theme will help you to better focus on that voice that will always take you in the right direction.

This Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, will take us with Jesus to the home of siblings Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany, a couple of miles from Jerusalem. It is a sad occasion that called Jesus to Bethany; Lazarus is quite ill and Jesus has received word that he should come. But by the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has died. We know the story; Jesus will call Lazarus, resurrected, out of the tomb. Certainly, this story assures us of new life in Christ. What else does it tell us about our life (and death) with Christ? What can we learn from Jesus' interactions with Mary and Martha during this time?

We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday. If you will be worshipping from the sanctuary, you will be able to come forward, if you are able, and receive the bread from a server. If you will be joining us online, please have a bit of something to eat and something to drink with you.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
March 6, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** - *Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus.* –Father Mike Schmitz

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Corky Halverson

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,  
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ*

**INTROIT** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (GTG #182)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 104 in Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

One: All creation looks to You, O God, to give them food in due season.

**All:** **When we are in harmony with You, the earth provides; when you open your hand, we are filled with good things.**

One: When we misuse what You have created for us, we blame You for the consequences and feel alienated from You.

**All:** **Even so, You continue to send forth Your spirit, and the earth is renewed.**

One: Let us worship the One who creates and renews!

**OPENING HYMN** *God Is Here!* (GTG #409)

**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**

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

**SERMON**

*Jesus Calling*

Rev. Katie Palmer

### WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We give thanks for our invitation to feast at Christ's table!*

**INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### 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** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* (GTG #796)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## OPPORTUNITIES



We will hold the **Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship TODAY, March 6, for the purpose of considering changes to our by-laws to allow for online meetings and voting and to approve the pastor's terms of call. Please plan to remain in the sanctuary or online following worship for this meeting.

The **Sunday Class for Adults and Youth** is discussing Jake Owensby's book *Looking for God in Messy Places* with Pastor Katie facilitating. Sessions will be Sundays through April 10; no class March 27. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on the same link as Sunday worship. The reading assignment for next Sunday, March 13, is Part II, "The God Who Shows Up," pp. 27-52. For information about ordering the book, please contact Richard Lindeborg.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Karyl Lyne, Judi Ruprecht and Willy Ryan as well as Laguna United Presbyterian Church, Casa Blanca, NM (1878).

### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Corky Halverson
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer, Tom Trigg
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson	Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton

*March Elder of the Month – Corky Halverson – 505-234-7914*

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

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

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