

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, April 25**

11:00 a.m. – Deacons via Zoom

**Tuesday, April 26**

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

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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

April 20, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I write this note to you, I can hear the wind blowing fiercely outside my living room window. It gives me pause to think of those who have been affected by recent wildfires in our state and others. D.R. and I have Colorado friends who were briefly evacuated because of a fire near where we used to live. Please offer a prayer of thanks that many of the fires have reached or are on their way to full containment, and a prayer for those who still face concerns about fire. I know many people are happy to be back in their homes after evacuation mandates were lifted because of the Hermit's Peak fire. But of course, locally, our eyes are now watching for news of the Cooks Peak fire as communities in Colfax County are facing evacuation. It is the beginning of the season and already we've seen so much fire activity.

This Sunday, we will remember we are in the season of Easter as we continue to shout "Christ is Risen!" We will worship during our final Sunday of the "I Know That Voice" series from the gospel of John. We will gather with the disciples in that room where they sat, fearful that the same Jewish leaders who called for Jesus' crucifixion might come for them. We will witness Jesus' visit to them and his return visit, where he interacts with Thomas, who was not present when Jesus first came. We might know the story as the "Doubting Thomas Story," but perhaps Thomas was not so very different from some of us.

One thing is for sure, as I mentioned on Easter Sunday: Jesus did not rise to new life without the scars of his previous life. Those holes in his hands and gash in his side were still there for Thomas and the others to witness. Our scars and struggles, too, remain with us even after we understand that we have new life in Christ. They don't disappear; they will always be a part of us. But in our newly re-created selves, we know that--despite our scars, our struggles, our doubt, our misunderstandings—we are beloved of God. Hallelujah! Amen!

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

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

*April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder 505-429-2139*

*April Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer –505-617-0839*

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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
April 24, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** -- *Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.*  
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Sharon VanderMeer  
*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 145 in Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

One: Divine Light shines in those who live in Love.  
**All: God will uphold all who are burdened with fear, and will raise up all who call out to God.**  
One: God calls each of us to open our inner ears, to see with spiritual eyes.  
**All: God calls us to trust that, even amidst the outward chaos, all is working toward the wholeness of humanity.**  
One: Let us praise the God of Love!

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (GTG #248)

**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**  
**God of All Creation, we give you thanks for the wonders of this world and the diversity it offers us. We thank you, too, for the ways in which your people are so wonderfully diverse, for the ways in which we look, think, and feel in such different ways, and yet you relate to each of us as the unique people we are. Forgive us when we forget your willingness—indeed, your pleasure—to reach out to us in the ways that speak to our individuality. Forgive us when we think that we should hear your voice in the same way another does. Forgive us when we do not appreciate how wonderfully we are made. Guide us instead to appreciate ourselves, to appreciate our individual questions and doubts, and to understand that you love us for exactly who we are. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:10-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**SERMON** *Coming to Believe* Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Congregational Renewal Pam Abreu

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *The Risen Christ* (GTG #257)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able



**OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth** started 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 19 on Zoom or, it is hoped, in hybrid from 9 to 10 a.m. The books are available second hand in hardback or paperback from Amazon (for \$5-10 including shipping) or on Kindle (for \$7.99) or other online dealers such as 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. The reading assignment for the May 1 class is Ch. 4-5, pp. 45-72.

**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.

Remember! There are **hearing assist devices available** at the AV Center for use during worship for those who need them. First come, first served. Just ask one of the tech crew members.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entrée. 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 Michelle Ulibarri, Beth Urech and Mark Gillingham, and Bob and Sharon VanderMeer, as well as Ranchos Presbyterian Church, Ranchos de Taos, NM (1892).