

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 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, June 27

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds

Tuesday, June 28

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

6:30 p.m. - Session

Thursday, June 30

6:00 p.m. - "Come Play" Relax Roundabout Night



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

June 20, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I'm writing to you this evening from a hotel room in Liberal, Kansas. D.R. and I are on our way home after my nephew's memorial service over the weekend. As is usually true of those occasions, it was a difficult time, but there was the upside of seeing family I'd not seen for a long time. In addition to the family members we saw at the memorial service, D.R. and I made it a point to go through Wichita today (we usually don't take that route) so we could have lunch with a childhood friend of mine. She and I met through our older sisters, who were friends, when we were four years old. We hadn't seen her in 14 years! As I get older and as I experience the grief of unexpected loss—like my nephew, who died suddenly at 48 from a massive heart attack—it becomes more important to me to take every opportunity I can to stay connected to people who are important to me. After all, God made us for relationship!

This Sunday, we have an opportunity to learn about some ancient relationships among a group of Persians who brought some teachings of Jesus to China. We'll welcome John Arnold to the pulpit to preach about the "Lost Sutras of Jesus." John will be leading the Sunday morning class beginning July 10 on a book about these Sutras, so if what you hear on Sunday intrigues you, plan to attend the class! You can find out more about the class and how to get the book in the "Opportunities" section of the bulletin.

We also will have a congregational meeting following worship; please plan to attend. We'll be electing officers for the upcoming term.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – John Arnold

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Rev. Katie Palmer

Accompanist – Jordan Jones

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Jeff Salman



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701
June 26, 2022 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Jordan Jones

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 40:4-8)

One: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

All: Who do not go astray after false gods.

One: O God, you have multiplied your wondrous thoughts toward us;

All: None can compare with you.

One: You do not require sacrifice and mindless offerings.

All: But you have given us open ears to listen;

We delight to do your will; your law is written in our hearts.

OPENING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Loving Spirit* (from the Taize community; on monitor)

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 God, you call us to recognize our oneness in you, and yet we often struggle to see those who are different as part of the One. Forgive us our closed minds, our quick assumptions, our comfort with what we know. Encourage us to explore the many ways your love and guidance are present in the lives of your people everywhere. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into

being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

THE SUTRA OF RETURNING TO YOUR ORIGINAL NATURE

Vs 7 But the Way of Light & its laws

Can carry us across the ocean of life & death

To reach the shores of the land of Peace and Happiness.

Vs 10 And well, the laws of this Light are the best balm there is

Because they guide us through the pain and hardships of life

And by facing them, you come back to the true knowing.

Vs 11 All of you should chant this day and night

Because it brings back clear seeing, and each of you will return

To your own original nature,

Your ultimately true Beingness,

Free from all falsehood and illusion. And you will see these

Teachings are inexhaustible.

MESSAGE

The Vibrance of Yesu & the Religion of Light

John Arnold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SUNG RESPONSE *Our Darkness* (from the Taize community; on monitor)

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 *The Lord is my Light* (from the Taize community; on monitor)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** to elect officers following worship TODAY, June 26. Please plan to stay after worship for this brief meeting.

Please join us at the “**Come Play**” **Relax Roundabout Night** on Thursday evening, June 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. in Perea Hall! We invite you to be part of this time to gather together in healing and calming activities such as Tai Chi, massage, journaling, coloring and talk with one another! Please invite others who might need some relaxing time with friends!

A **Benefit Concert for Fire Relief** will be held on Sunday, June 26, 1-4 p.m. at the Ilfeld Auditorium presented by the Meadow City Academy of Music. All proceeds will be given to the Las Vegas NM Community Foundation for grants to Mora and San Miguel Counties nonprofits working with fire relief programs. For more information, <https://www.meadowcitymusic.org/upcoming-events.html>

No class on Sunday, July 3 for the Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth.

A new discussion series starts July 10 for the class, led by John Arnold, based on the book *The Lost Sutras of Jesus: Unblocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Xian Monks* by Ray Riegert and Thomas Moore.

The book is available from Alibris new for as little as \$2.99 and used for as little as \$.99 plus shipping, used from AbeBooks for as little as \$2.50 to \$6.50 plus shipping, and new in paperback from Amazon for \$9.84 plus shipping or used for under \$6.00 including shipping. Paper Trail may be able to order a copy. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy delivered directly to you for no shipping charge.

The first session will be an introduction to Early Christianity in the Middle East and Far East. The reading assignment for July 17 is Part 1 of the book, titled *Wisdom from a Cave* – pp. 1-42.

To donate to **New Mexico wildfire recovery efforts**, please see the following links:

The Food Depot: <https://thefooddepot.org/disaster-relief/>

Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation: <https://www.lvnmcf.org/donate-now/>

Samaritan House Food Donations – June – Flour and Sugar. 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 George and Elizabeth Bunch, Randy Campbell and Robin Carlson and Leslie Jones as well as White Rock Presbyterian Church, White Rock, NM.

June Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg – 505-426-5821

June Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-3972

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