

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

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13

2:00 p.m. – JOT

Thursday, July 14

9:00 a.m. - Community Life

6:00 p.m. – “Come Play” Game Night

Friday, July 15

10:00 a.m. – Meeting with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance representatives
First Presbyterian Church, Mora

Saturday, July 16

10:00 a.m. – Presbytery Meeting, First United Presbyterian in Las Vegas



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
PO Box 37
Las Vegas NM 87701



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

July 6, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

We continue looking at the “Work of the Spirit” during worship. This Sunday we will have a special Celebration of Creation, considering the Spirit’s work from the beginning as She hovered over the face of the deep. Randy Campbell, Pat Halverson, and I have designed this service together and it’s been so fun and inspirational to work together and to read together the many Biblical passages that speak to the power of God’s great creation! (We had to choose only a sampling to include in worship.)

Additionally, we will have time for a special blessing of our pets. I hope you have all submitted photos of your furry, feathered, or gilled pets so that they can be included in the blessing. Our cats, Mango and Tuuli, will be among the pets blessed, as will Pat and Corky’s dog Chubbers. Having the technology to do the blessing with the virtual, rather than physical, presence of the pets is, in itself, quite a blessing. I remember a blessing of pets many years ago when we carried our cats Ashes and Charcoal to the church, only to have to take them home because they were so terrified of the unfamiliar space, people, and other pets. At that same blessing, we had many dogs in attendance, and had to traipse out to the parking lot to bless someone’s horse. Virtual blessing seems much more inclusive and efficient!

I leave you with a silly poem about a pet dog named Roomba. Enjoy!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Our Dog’s Name is Roomba by Kenn Nesbitt*

Our dog’s name is Roomba.
He’s such a great pup.
If food hits our carpet,
he vacuums it up.

He’s constantly sniffing
for food he can “clean.”
Our floors are the tidiest
you’ve ever seen.

There’s practically nothing
this puppy won’t eat.
He’ll munch on the tiniest
morsel of meat.

He’ll suck up spaghetti.
He’ll polish off peas.
He’ll chow down on berries
and cherries and cheese.

He’ll lick up linguine.
He’ll gobble up grapes.
He’ll pig out on pancakes,
and waffles and crepes.

The floor in our kitchen
has never been neater.
We’re lucky our puppy
is such a good eater.

Our Roomba’s a marvelous
morsel remover.
He learned from our other dogs,
Dyson and Hoover.

*from <https://ozofe.com/top-poems/animal-poems-for-kids/>



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701
July 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.



CELEBRATION OF CREATION

MEDITATION – *Expanding our image of God invites us to embrace a God of radically amazing Mystery, One who continuously gives expression from within creation, One who emerges as new life in every nook and cranny.*
--Judy Cannato in *Radical Amazement*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Randy Campbell, HR
*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 the writing of Meister Eckhart)

One: Let us worship God, Creator of all that is!
All: May we learn to see God in all things, for God is in everything.
One: Every single creature is full of God and a book about God.
All: Every creature is a word of God.
One: If we spent enough time with the tiniest creature—even a caterpillar—
All: We would never have to prepare a sermon, or hear a sermon, so full of God is every creature!
One: So full of God is every creature! Let us worship God, Creator of all that is!
All: Let us remember that God's Presence is in all Creation, and be thankful for the pets we bless today.
Amen.

SPECIAL DEDICATION

OPENING HYMN *Earth and All Stars!* (GTG #26)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY Rev. Pat Halverson
*We remember that, **before** we confess and no matter what we confess to God,
we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy*

LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND LONGING (from *Sundays and Seasons*, Augsburg Fortress)

One: In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep; new life daily unfolding at God's call.
Darkness and light: Good. Skies, lands and seas: Good.
The earth and all that fill it—plants and rocks, the finned, the feathered, the furry. Good.
At last, humankind in God's image: Very Good.
Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation.
All: Forgive us God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.
One: We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation.
All: Forgive us God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.
One: We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us.
All: Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.
One: May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures deepen our knowledge of creation's
interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things. In Jesus' name
All: Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE IN SCRIPTURE, SONG, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Scripture readings found on reverse side of Opportunities

Psalm 66:1-3a, 5
Genesis 1:1-4
Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (GTG #20), v.1
Psalm 104:10-25
Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (GTG #20), v.2
Job 12:7-10
Isaiah 11:6-7, 9
Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (GTG #20), v.3
John 1:1-5
Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (GTG #20), v.4
Ephesians 2:10
Romans 1:20a
Psalm 150:6

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Christmas in July Karyl Lyne

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *God of the Sparrow* (GTG #22)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a meeting with two representatives from the **national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program** at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15th, at First Presbyterian Church in Mora. Lunch will be served. These two representatives will also attend our Presbytery meeting on the 16th, but wanted to meet with members of churches in this area who might like to talk to them face to face about the NM wildfires and aftermath. The meeting is open to any church member who would like to attend.

There will be a **brief congregational meeting** PRIOR to worship on Sunday, July 24, at 10:20 to elect a new officer. Please plan to arrive a bit early on that day to complete this bit of business.

Please join us at the **“Come Play” game night** on Thursday evening, July 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. in Perea Hall! We invite you to be part of this time to gather together in community, play some games, and talk with one another! Please invite others who might need some time to play with friends!

“Christmas in July” You may remember in summers past we have celebrated by giving generously to the Garden Well project. Mission and Peacemaking would like to invite all of you to join in this project once again this summer so together we can provide a nearby source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing and irrigation for our neighbors. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 to cover the cost of an entire well. Thank you for your gifts this July-Christmas and in summer Christmases past!

The Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth has started a new discussion series led by John Arnold and based on the book *The Lost Sutras of Jesus: Unblocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Xian Monks* by Ray Riegert and Thomas Moore. Classes are at 9 a.m. on Zoom, and may well be live from the 2nd floor teleconference room.

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 reading assignment for the July 17 session is Part 1 of the book, titled “Wisdom from a Cave” – pp. 1-42.

Samaritan House Food Donations – July – Soup (any kind). 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 Theresa DeHerrera, Pauline Dimsey and Alexander Ditton as well as Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1955).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leaders – Rev. Randy Campbell, Rev. Pat Halverson, Rev. Katie Palmer

Slides – D.R. Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Tech Crew – Pablo Hernandez, D.R. Palmer, Van Swan

July Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland - 505-429-0293

July Deacon of the Month - Juli Salman - 505-429-0290

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 66:1-3a, 5

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. ³ Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! . . .
⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Psalm 104:10-25

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.
¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
²² When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
²³ People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening.
²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Job 12:7-10

⁷ 'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?
¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Isaiah 11:6-7, 9

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. . . .
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.
³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Romans 1:20a

²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.

Psalm 150:6

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!