

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

Wednesday, August 10

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
2:00 p.m. - JOT meeting

Friday, August 12

8:45 a.m. - Food Distribution at Rodriguez Park



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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Las Vegas NM 87701



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

August 3, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

What a joyous Sunday awaits us! Our journey with Ruth and Naomi will take us to a turning point in which we see hope return to Naomi, the one who, after so much loss, has named herself "Bitterness" and talked of being completely empty inside. We'll explore what was able to bring her to open herself to the possibility of filling up again.

We also will celebrate the Lord's Supper, so if you are joining us online, please plan to have a bite of something to eat and something to drink with you.

We will welcome into membership at FUPC two new members. They are familiar to us and have decided to make their connection to the church family "official." So plan to participate in welcoming Pablo Hernandez and Bill Neis!

Finally, after a very long "COVID time," we return to fellowship following worship. If you are comfortable being in Perea Hall with several others, please join us for conversation and a beverage. I'd also encourage you, if you've missed gathering in fellowship after worship, to volunteer your time to host fellowship in the coming weeks. It's a simple way to share kindness and to build relationship; it takes only supplying some beverages (and snacks, if you'd like), and cleaning up afterwards. Let the church office know if this is something you'd like to do.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie





FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701
August 7, 2022 10:30 a.m.

A JOURNEY WITH RUTH AND NAOMI

MEDITATION – *You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.*
--John Bunyan

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Judy Long
*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 Luke 6:36-38)

One: We gather to praise our God, who teaches us not to judge or condemn.

All: God is merciful, and asks that we, too, show mercy.

One: We gather to praise our God, who teaches us to forgive and to show generosity.

All: God is merciful, and asks that we, too, show mercy.

One: We gather to praise the God who is faithful and generous to us.

All: Thanks be to God, whose steadfast love is sure!

***OPENING HYMN** *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness* (GTG #657)

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

Merciful God, we confess that we often judge and condemn rather than include and encourage. We confess that we can find it hard to forgive and difficult to be generous with our acceptance, love, and resources. We know that we need only look to the example you have given us in Christ, whom we seek to follow; in Christ, we will find the way of mercy, grace, love, and forgiveness. Guide us to move ever more closely in Christ's footsteps so that we, too, may show your steadfast love to all of your creation. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2:1-23

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.' She said to her, 'Go, my daughter.' So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, 'The Lord be with you.' They answered, 'The Lord bless you.' Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, 'To whom does this young woman belong?' The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, 'She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, "Please let me glean and gather

among the sheaves behind the reapers." So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.'

Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.' Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, 'Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?' But Boaz answered her, 'All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!' Then she said, 'May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.'

At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine.' So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, 'Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.'

So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. Her mother-in-law said to her, 'Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.' So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, 'The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.' Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!' Naomi also said to her, 'The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.' Then Ruth the Moabite said, 'He even said to me, "Stay close by my servants, until they have finished all my harvest."' Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, 'It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise you might be bothered in another field.' So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

MESSAGE *From Emptiness to Hope*

Rev. Katie Palmer

RESPONSE *For the Fruit of All Creation, verses 2&3* (GTG #36)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

OPPORTUNITIES

***CLOSING HYMN** *God of the Fertile Fields* (GTG #714)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a **Mobile Food Pantry Distribution on Friday, August 12**, at Rodriguez Park. Volunteers to help put food into cars are welcome! Please contact Karyl Lyne (505-718-6475) to volunteer your time. Volunteers should arrive by 8:45; distribution ends about 11:00. It's a great opportunity to help lots of people with just a couple of hours of your time.

Coffee with Katie is now on Wednesdays! You are invited to join Pastor Katie at Charlie's, 8:30 a.m., for coffee, conversation, and maybe a pastry or breakfast on Wednesday mornings.

The Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth -- now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs—is discussing the book *The Lost Sutras of Jesus: Unblocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Xian Monks* by Ray Riegert and Thomas Moore. The classes, led by John Arnold, are at 9 a.m. Zoom attendees should use the same link as for the Worship Service. In-person attendees should use the east entrance to the church; class is in the first classroom upstairs.

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 readings for August 14 will be Part II, the final four chapters – pp. 96-119. If you are new to the class, request the reading material from Richard Lindborg via email to ralindeborg@cs.com

Upcoming Class: On the last Sunday of August, the class will begin discussion of *Song of Songs: A Biblical-Theological, Allegorical, Christological Interpretation* by James M. Hamilton, Jr. The book is available in paperback for as little as \$7.39 from Amazon, \$7.43 from Alibris, and \$8.81 from AbeBooks. New copies are available from Amazon or the publisher (Christian Focus Publications) for \$14.99 (all prices plus shipping). Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping. The book is in short supply, so order early.

Samaritan House Food Donations – August – Dry milk and oatmeal (or other dried cereals.) 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 Nina Johns, Bryan Johnson and Kevin Johnson as well as New Life Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1944).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Judy Long

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Tech Crew – Pablo Hernandez, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer

August Elder of the Month – Karyl Lyne - 505-718-6475

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

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