

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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 4

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Patricia Halverson and via Zoom followed by Fellowship

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlie's

3:00 p.m. – M&P in Perea Hall

6:30 p.m. – Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, May 9

8:00 a.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

9:00 a.m. – Food Distribution at Rodriguiz Park

Sunday, May 11

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Siobhan O'Connell-Croto and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



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MISSION AND VISION - We seek to grow in our faith, share God's love, and serve others, following the Holy Spirit that has sustained us and our ministries for over 150 years. As an inclusive and welcoming segment of the Body of Christ, we actively seek justice for all and work together to build a compassionate world where all are valued. Led by Christ and dependent on God's grace, we embrace today's challenges and live into tomorrow's opportunities.

MEDITATION - You will find stability at the moment when you discover that God is everywhere, that you do not need to seek God elsewhere, that God is here and if you do not find God here it is useless to go and search elsewhere because it is not God that is absent from us, it is we who are absent from God.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom as quoted in Naked Spirituality p.31.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

All the Praise of a Lifetime

by Phil McHugh & John G. Elliot

PRELUDE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30: Select verses)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

All: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning

All: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

Leader: What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

All: Hear, O Lord and be gracious to me! O Lord be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

Leader: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*OPENING HYMN

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

GTG #390

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 Mercy, we confess that we have not opened our hearts to you, have not invited you in to be the fulltime director of our actions. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. AMEN.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-6 Cordell Halverson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 5:11-14 Cordell Halverson

GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19 Pastor Patricia Halverson

SERMON Pastor Patricia Halverson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *What Wonderous Love is this* GTG #215

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for our church, for the way we are called to be church to a world in need. Help us to continue to share with those in need and with each other through these gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL COMMUNION ANTHEM: *At the Table of Our God* by Brian Wren & Douglas E. Wagner

INVITATION

RESPONSIVE LITURGY **This is the Lord’s Table and all are welcome!**

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise; beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath

All: We praise you, O God.

Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future

All: We praise you, O God.

Leader: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: We praise you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Leader: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Love to tell the Story
(During the singing, please step forward to receive Communion)

GTG #462

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

GTG #299

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

*******OPPORTUNITIES*******

Join us for Fellowship Luncheon in Perea Hall: after worship today! **May fellowship time reminder:**
5/4 Bonnie Trujillo 5/11 Charlotte Wootton

Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

The Sunday morning Bible-based class for youth and adults is continuing our discussion of The Bible As Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature by Marion G. Bontrager, Michele Hershberger, and John E. Sharp.

The reading assignment for May 4 is Ch. 28--Epistle Genre pp. 260-267 and the reading assignment for May 11 is Ch. 29--Apocalyptic Genre – pp. 268-282.

Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

Favorite Hymn Project – Many requests have been received and we are now singing some of the requested hymns in our worship services. Hymn requests are still being accepted. Leave your choices on a scrap of paper in one of the labeled cylinders at the front or back of the sanctuary, or call /email the church office.

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 Bonnie Trujillo, and Diego and Connie, Arthur, Carolina (Carly), and Celina Trujillo, as well as the El Rito Presbyterian Church, Chacon, NM (1879).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Pastor Patricia Halverson – I am a retired, ordained ELCA Lutheran pastor. In 1997 the Presbyterian Church USA and the ELCA became full communion partners, and fully accepting each others’ ministers.

My husband and I have lived in Las Vegas for over 50 years, have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Family is our joy.

May Elder of the Month: Corky Halverson, ckh5@me.com, 505-235-7914
May Deacon of the Month: Bonnie Trujillo, bonnie@rezio.net, 505-617-0459

The office is open on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. For all other times, please email or call and we will get back to you

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Pastor Patricia Halverson Worship Leader – Cordell Halverson
Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Peter Linder, Kent Reid