

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, you have shared with us this bread and cup and have made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your saving love and nurturing Spirit to all the world. We ask this in the name of Christ, Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING SONG *Rise Up* led by Karyl Lyne

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please stand if you are able.

+from the National Council of Churches in Australia at

http://www.ncca.org.au/files/social_justice/Worship_Resources_Social_Justice_Sunday_25_September_2011.pdf

WELCOME! We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion.

Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth – “What’s the Difference, Anyway?”
This class explores denominations within Christianity and meets at 9:30.

Congregational Retreat – Mark your calendars! Our retreat will be on October 14. Please return registration form with your check (\$15/person) and then put your name on a leaf on the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Prayers for the Church Family – Please pray for Robin Carlson & Les Jones, Jim, Siobhan & Sean Croto, and Randy Campbell as well as for La Mesa Presbyterian Church (1944), Albuquerque NM. A person’s name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

Live Forward, Give Forward - Deeds of giving are the very foundations of the world. - Jewish proverb.

Samaritan House Food Donations - August – Dry milk, oatmeal, other cereal

Flower Ministry - The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam’s Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God by Judy Long.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, August 21

12:30 p.m. – JOT at the Old Town Mission Church

Tuesday, August 22

No Coffee with Katie, who has a scheduling conflict
6:30 p.m. - Session

Church Office: 505-425-7763

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 505-231-1923

August Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 425-7992

August Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper – 429-0285

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 20, 2017

10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP AT THE OLD TOWN MISSION CHURCH

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Yes, I see the Church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred that body through social neglect and through fear of being nonconformists. – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the National Council of Churches in Australia website)

Come, all who are created in God’s likeness.

Come, all who long for justice.

Come, all who desire God’s peace.

We come seeking justice and peace; we seek to be God’s kingdom on earth.

We come to worship you, O God!

As we gather to worship you, may we embrace many ways of seeking justice.

* OPENING SONG *If I Had a Hammer*

If I had a hammer, I’d hammer in the morning;

I’d hammer in the evening, all over this land.

I’d hammer out danger; I’d hammer out a warning;

I’d hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters all over this land.

If I had a bell, I’d ring it in the morning;

I’d ring it in the evening, all over this land.

I’d ring out danger; I’d ring out a warning;

I’d ring out love between my brothers and my sisters all over this land.

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning,
I'd sing it in the evening, all over this land.
I'd sing out danger; I'd sing out a warning;
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters all over this land.

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.

Leader: God is just and forgiving, receiving us just as we are. God calls us to be people upholding justice and peace. Receive, then, God's peace, knowing that you are loved and forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you called all that is into being and offered humanity life in all its fullness. Yet we have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become distant from you and our neighbor. We have failed to speak out for justice, leaving the voiceless without an advocate. Nevertheless, you offer to us your forgiveness and peace. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, v. 1*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Exhibiting the Kingdom* Rev. Katie Palmer & Congregation

We shall over come, we shall overcome

We shall overcome someday

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday.

(Other verses: We shall live in peace; We shall family be)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *This Is My Song* (Tune: Finlandia)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,

a song of peace for lands afar and mine;

this is my home, the country where my heart is;

here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:

but other hearts in other lands are beating

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,

and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;

but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:

O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,

thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done;

let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

and hearts united learn to live as one:

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations.

Myself I give thee—let thy will be done.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A Dios el Padre celestial;

Al Hijo nuestro redentor

Y al eternal Consolador,

Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(with a prayer litany from Catholic Health Association of the United States)

(The people respond to each petition with "*Hear our prayer*")

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom

come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion today is by intinction.

Please come forward as directed, take bread, dip it in the cup, and eat.