

Welcome

We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

- ✦ The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth is discussing the book *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Class is at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing, Sundays thru August 5th.
- ✦ July Samaritan House Food Donations – Soup
- ✦ Worship Leaders Needed - August, September, October 2018
Contact: Lisa Weinstein - 912-257-2737 or lisaweinstein56@gmail.com
- ✦ We welcome Betty Custer to the pulpit this morning. Betty was raised Methodist as the granddaughter of a Methodist minister and joined the United Church of Christ 37 years ago with her husband. Their church is an ecumenical partnership between a UCC church and an ELCA (Lutheran) church, who share a building and ministry. This congregation cares deeply about social justice and sees making the world more equal and just as a major part of the faith experience. In her day job, Betty has been a financial planner managing her own company for 47 years. She spends a large part of her days working with non-profits in the arts and for a better community. Betty is Mark Gillingham's and Beth Urech's beloved sister-in-law.
- ✦ Pastor Katie will be away on study leave next week, attending a preaching seminar at Ghost Ranch. If you have pastoral care needs, please call the church office or your deacon.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Lisa & Mike Weinstein and family, Kathy Wentz, and Bruce Wertz and for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe NM (1893). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, July 24

No Coffee with Katie this week

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service at Old Town Mission

Saturday, July 28

Presbytery meets at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Peñasco

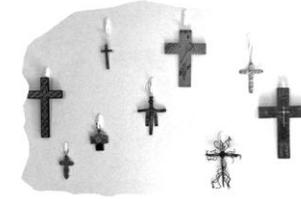
The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by
Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

July 22, 2018

10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.* -- Anne Lamott

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MINUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please use this time to share the peace of Christ 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 MEDITATION

Ave Maria

Elena Chavez

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 111)

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

Great are God's works; we delight in them!

God is gracious and merciful; God shows power by providing for us.

Yes; God's works are faithful and just; God's steadfast love sure.

God redeems us; God's covenant is forever.

Let us praise our loving God!

*** OPENING HYMN** STF #2009, *O God Beyond All Praising*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel: God loves you. You are accepted, forgiven, and free to rely confidently on God's grace.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, we confess those things we have done as individuals and as a community that hurt you and your people. Forgive us when, aware of the peace given in Christ, we sow discord and division. Forgive us when we cling to the values of a broken world. Forgive us when we allow fear rather than love to rule us, when we are too shortsighted to envision the world you would have us build. Guide us, we pray, to claim your vision and together to realize it. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Em Krall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:4-10 Pew Bible Page 950

SERMON *Grace Given* Betty Custer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #358, *Help Us Accept Each Other*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	A Dios el Padre celestial;
Praise God all creatures here below;	Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Praise God above ye heavenly host;	Y al eternal Consolador,
Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost.	Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)
(The people respond to each petition with "Hear our 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 GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN STF #2167, *More Like You*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Betty Custer
Worship Leader – Rev. Katie Palmer
Accompanist – Em Krall
Soloist – Elena Chavez
Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto
Visuals – Karyl Lyne/Linda Solyntjes

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July Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker –505-429-0670

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