

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

**Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth** –The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth began a new series September 17, based on the book *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* by Craig L. Blomberg. The book is available in the church office or from Richard Lindeborg.

**International Peacemaker** Nora Carmi, a Palestine Christian who has lived since 1967 as a refugee in her hometown, occupied East Jerusalem, will make a presentation about her life and work at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary following the international foods potluck.

**World Communion Sunday Potluck** - Please join us for a potluck after church today as we celebrate “*World Communion Sunday*” & “*Peace and Global Witness Day*”.

**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.

**Rev. Leith and Carol Fujii**, mission co-workers in Thailand, will be preaching next week. After worship, we'll host them in the side room at Charlie's for a Dutch treat lunch to learn more about their ministry. Leith and Carol, whose home presbyteries are Chicago and Santa Fe, have visited FUPC in the past. If you wish to contribute to their ministry please make checks to FUPC with Fujii Ministry - E200343 on the memo line.

**PCUSA Disaster Fund** - If you would like to contribute to the PCUSA Disaster Fund for victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, or Maria, please mark your checks with DR000169-Harvey or DR000194-Irma or DR000194-Maria

**Prayers for the Church Family** –Please pray for Rudy Laumbach, Richard & Susan Lindeborg, and Carol, Peter, Katie and Charlie Linder as well as Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

##### **Tuesday, October 3**

7:00 a.m. – Personnel

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie

##### **Wednesday, October 4**

10:00 a.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

##### **Thursday, October 5**

7:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

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

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

*October Elder of the Month – Lisa Weinstein – 912-257-2737*

*October Deacon of the Month – Chuck Peterson – 505-4256-6038*



#### **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

#### **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – “*The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is the journey of the Church into the dimension of the Kingdom.*”—Alexander Schmemmann

#### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MINUTE FOR MISSION**

##### **\*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 +**

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

**We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**At home and school and business place – in this community, in every land.**

How in the world shall we serve our God?

**By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**\* Opening Hymn** PH #440 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

##### **Assurance of God's Love and Mercy from Bangladesh +**

*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: Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a mother embracing you in her lap; like a father, God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of the Son, Jesus Christ, I assure you: You are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others.

**People: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

### **Responsive Prayer of Confession from South Africa +**

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

#### **God forgive us.**

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

#### **God forgive us.**

For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry "Peace, peace" when there is no peace,

#### **We ask your mercy.**

For our failings in community and our lack of mutual understanding,

#### **We ask your mercy.**

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

**God forgive us. We offer now our silent prayers.** (Pause in silent prayer.)

**Amen.**

**Congregational Response** STF #2201 *Prayers of the People* (Refrain x2)

**Lord, let your kingdom come. Your will be done.**

**Lord, let your kingdom come. Alleluia.**

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Anthem** *O God of Truth and Justice* Carlton Buck/Eugene Butler

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 3:1-15 Pew Bible Page 44

**Sermon** *Feasting on Holy Ground*

Rev. Katie Palmer, Christie Baskett, Tom Trigg, Karyl Lyne

Please respond to each sermon story by singing together

STF #2272 *Holy Ground*

**We are standing on holy ground,**

**and I know that there are angels all around;**

**let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

### **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**

(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 will be served by intinction.*

*There will be four stations with different kinds of breads.*

*Please go to a station, take bread, dip it in the cup, and eat.*

**Unison Prayer after Communion +**

**We thank you O God, for refreshing us at your holy table. We thank you for our brothers and sisters in this community and around the world. May we always be reminded to see the world through Christ's eyes, and to work for a time when all may share together at Your table. Amen.**

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn** PH #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Assisting in Worship Today** –

Preacher – Rev Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Lisa Weinstein

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

+Adapted from Global Ministries World Communion Service 2015 at

[http://www.globalministries.org/world\\_communion\\_sunday\\_service\\_with\\_missionary\\_letters](http://www.globalministries.org/world_communion_sunday_service_with_missionary_letters)

*Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month through September and each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018). We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.*