



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.

- ✦ We are now on the fall schedule, with Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Class at 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ Our study of *Who Wrote the Bible?* Will continue through October 7.
- ✦ September Samaritan House Food Donations:
Canned milk, Canned vegetables

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Wilma Cunico, Linda & John Cunningham and Theresa De Herrera and for La Mesa Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1944). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, September 10

7:00 a.m. – I&S - Charlie's
3:30 p.m. - JOT – Mission Church

Tuesday, September 11

7:30 a.m. – Community Life at Charlie's
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
10:00 a.m. – Mission & Peacemaking
5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service at Old Town Mission

Wednesday, September 12

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

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

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *"The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls."*—Elizabeth Cady-Stanton

GATHERING MUSIC

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 MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Worship Resources by Rev Gord)

As the summer draws to a close, as a new year begins,

We gather together reminded of the Promise.

As those who have seen some of the storms of life,

We gather to look for the rainbow, sign of the Promise.

As God called Noah so long ago, so God calls us in the present,

To gather as members of community, to celebrate God's Promise, to live as people of the covenant.

Let us worship together as we sing of God's covenant with us.

*** OPENING HYMN** PH # 272 *God of the Sparrow*

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: Our God has established an eternal covenant with us. God loves us and wants relationship with us; God forgives us and offers us guidance.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from Worship Resources)

Creation was not what you hoped it would be God.

so you decided to start over.

But there was still something worth saving,

so you called Noah to build an ark, a refuge for creation.

Then, after the waters washed away you made a promise,

setting your bow in the clouds, a sign that never again would the world be washed away, a sign of your love and grace.

Creation is not what you hope it would be God,

we continue to miss the mark, we continue to be less than we could be.

But still you see the possibility, still in grace you challenge us to live out the old covenants,

pulling us forward, reminding us who we are.

And still the bow is in the clouds, light bending through a prism, spreading into a display of color.

Giving us hope, giving us beauty, promising us grace.

Thank you.

We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2126 *Gather Us In*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SOLO

Deep River

Jane Warsaw

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 8:24-27

SECOND READING Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

SERMON *Covenant With the God of the Rainbow* Siobhan Croto CP

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rise and Shine—

Please see insert - give God glory & have fun

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 God and 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

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 PH #537 *Shalom Chaverim*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Siobhan Croto CP

Worship Leader – Joyce Litherland

Accompanist – Em Krall

Soloist – Jane Warsaw

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes