



We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the friendship pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in Perea Hall following worship. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

**Lent Sunday Class** - The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will discuss the novel *Saint Maybe* (1991) by Ann Tyler in sessions led by Pastor Katie Palmer. Books are available in the church office and from Richard Lindeborg. Classes are at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the East Wing. For March 8, please read Chapter 2 (“The Department of Reality”) and Chapter 3 (“The Man Who Forgot How to Fly”).

**Lenten Lunches** - We will again observe each Sunday in Lent with a Soup and Bread Lunch, starting today. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall. Please consider donating the money you might have spent on lunch to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**A Lenten Prayer for an End to Hunger** adapted from Bread for the World: *O God, Jesus suffered all the temptations and trials of human life for us. May we, in turn, be instruments of your love for all people, especially those who are without enough to eat. Amen.*

**Next week’s Narrative Lectionary reading:** Mark 10:32-52

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – March – Canned meats, tuna, chicken

Sign up for the **2020 All Church Ghost Ranch Retreat**. \$50 deposit. See Judy Long or Lisa Weinstein if you have questions.

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Beth Urech & Mark Gillingham, Bob & Sharon Vander Meer, and Gay Veit as well as Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1955). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Monday, March 2**

5:30 p.m. – Understanding Immigration Task Force

**Tuesday, March 3**

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie – Charlie’s

**Wednesday, March 4**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 5**

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music Committee

12:00 Noon – Deacons’ Lunch



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.

**FLAWED SERVANTS**

**MEDITATION** – *There is a sufficiency in the world for [human] need but not for [human] greed.* - Mahatma Gandhi

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(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 Psalm 19 in Nan Merrill’s *Psalms for Praying*)

The law of God’s Love is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the testimony of Love is sure, making wise the simple;**

the precepts of Love are right, rejoicing the heart;

**the authority of Love is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

the spirit of Love is glorious, enduring forever;

**the rites of Love are true, awakening compassion.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**Let us worship the God of Perfect Love!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** GTG #12, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**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.*

One: Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus the Christ we are forgiven and renewed.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**Generous God, like the rich man who faltered when asked to give all he owned to the poor and then follow Jesus, we falter, too. We hesitate to give generously of our money, our time, our attention, and our kindness. Give us the courage to give to those who need and to understand that, by satisfying your people’s needs, we show our love for you.** *(We pause in silence for personal prayer.)* Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** GTG #444, *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (v. 4)

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.**

**Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:17-31

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**SERMON**

“*You Lack One Thing*”

Rev. Katie Palmer

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Statement from “The Confession of 1967”, 9.46 (on monitors)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord with Joy)

People: Hear our Prayer

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WE SEAL GOD’S WORD**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** (see insert)

**SONG OF PREPARATION** GTG #497, *Bread of Life from Heaven* (v. 3)

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Communion will be by intinction.*

*Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.*

*Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.*

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** GTG #697, *Take My Life* (v. 1, 4, & 6)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able

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Pam’s Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Tom Trigg

Accompanist – Em Krall

Music Director – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker /Sean Croto

Visuals – Judy Long/Linda Solyntjes

*March Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg – 505-426-5821*

*March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-617-0839*

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

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