



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 will discuss the novel *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler in sessions led by Pastor Katie, 9:30 Sunday mornings. Books are available in the church office and from Richard Lindeborg. For March 22, please read Chapter 6 (“Sample Rains”) and Chapter 7 (“Organized Marriage”).

**Lenten Lunches** – On Sundays in Lent we will share Soup and Bread lunches. 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** from Bread for the World: *O God, through your Son, Jesus, you give us the water of eternal life. May your abundant grace move us to support those who work to make clean water available to all the world’s people. Amen.*

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

**NM Performing Arts Society Concert** – Sunday, March 22 3:00 p.m. – FUPC Sanctuary  
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 Bruce Wertz, Elisa White and Charlotte Wootton as well as Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1948). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Tuesday, March 17**

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

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

9:00 a.m. – Landscaping Task Force – Library

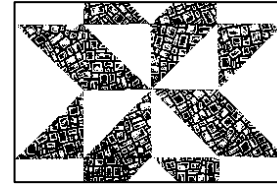
**Wednesday, March 18**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 19**

10:00 a.m. – Mustard Seed Committee - Library



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 15, 2020

10:30 a.m.

**FLAWED SERVANTS**

**MEDITATION** – *There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal . . . But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit... --C. S. Lewis*

**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**

*Prayer* by Arnold B. Sherman

Rainbow Ringers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 86 in Nan Merrill’s *Psalms for Praying*)

No one is like You, O God; all of creation belongs to you.

**We are awed by the wonders of your world, for you alone are the Most High.**

Teach us your ways, Mighty Counselor, that we may walk in truth.

**We give you thanks O God; may we radiate your light!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** GTG #32, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**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: We are created in the image of our loving God to live abundantly. Through God’s grace our sins are forgiven and our lives are renewed.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Loving God, you made us in your image and, on our best days, we seek to love your world as people living up to that image. Forgive us when we instead wear the face of complicity with the ways of the world. Forgive us when, rather than tending your people, we neglect or mistreat them. Guide us to give to you what is your due: our selves committed to the do the work of justice and righteousness. *(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

ANTHEM *Canticle of Faith* by Cynthia Dobrinski Rainbow Ringers

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:1-17 Pew Bible Page 824

SERMON *Mistaken Identities* Rev. Katie Palmer

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GTG #722, *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Forty Days and Forty Nights* arr. Callahan

## GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*Please come forward during the offertory music  
to place your gifts in the offering plates*

## \*DOXOLOGY

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*At the appropriate time, please speak the names of those  
for whom you would like to pray.*

*Then respond "Hear our prayer" following "Lord in your mercy" or "Lord, with joy."*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG #63, *The Lord Is God*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare and Chorale on "Agincourt Hymn" Callahan

\*Please stand if you are able

## Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Alex Ditton

Accompanist – Steve Hufnal

Music Director – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker /Sean Croto

Visuals – D.R. Palmer/Linda Solyntjes

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

*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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