



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 15, please read Chapter 4 (“Famous Rainbows”) and Chapter 5 (“People Who Don’t Know the Answers”).

**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** adapted from Bread for the World: *O Christ, in the midst of darkness and despair, may we be sustained by your light and life. Inspire us to create hope and opportunity for those who live in hunger and poverty. Amen.*

**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 Jane Warsaw, Lisa and Mike Weinstein, and Kathy Wentz as well as First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1880). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Monday, March 9**

7:00 a.m. – Time, Talent & Treasure Committee – Charlie’s

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:30 a.m. – Community Life – Charlie’s

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service - OTMCC

**Wednesday, March 11**

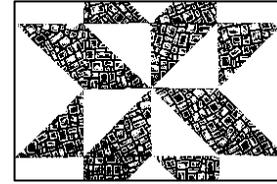
4:00 p.m. – JOT

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 13**

7:00 a.m. - Personnel



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.

**FLAWED SERVANTS**

**MEDITATION** – . . . *[W]e all suffer from acute blindness at times. Life is a constant journey of trying to open your eyes.* –Olivia Thirlby

**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**

Em Krall

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 36:7-9)

O God, how precious is your steadfast love.

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Your people feast on your abundance.

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Let us come together in worship, striving to see you ever more clearly.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** GTG #452, *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

## 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, in Christ we have new sight! Through the grace of Christ we are forgiven and renewed.

Many: Thanks be to God!

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Light and Clarity, so often we are blind to your way. Like the disciples, we seek status and recognition when we should be striving to see what it means to follow Christ. We want to see our own desires met rather than see your people's needs met. Open our eyes, we pray. Show us what you would have us see. *(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 *God, You Enfold Me/Hal H. Hopson* Chancel Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:32-52 Pew Bible Page 823

SERMON *What Blind Bartimaeus Sees* Rev. Katie Palmer

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GTG #451, *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (v. 1, x2)

## 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 #702, *Christ Beside Me*

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able

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

## Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Murl Baker

Accompanist – Em Krall

Music Director – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker /Sean Croto

Visuals – Lisa Weinstein/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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