



## **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

April 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

### **FAITHFUL WITNESSES**

MEDITATION – *When we bear witness, when we become the situation - homelessness, poverty, illness, violence, death - the right action arises by itself.* –Bernie Glassman

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,  
visit with them, and wish them the peace of Christ.*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 43:5- 15)

Do not fear, for I am with you, says God;

I will bring together everyone whom I created from the ends of the earth.

We are God's witnesses and chosen servants; we will sing of God's steadfast love forever!

#### **OPENING HYMN, *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*** (GTG #248)

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

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

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE:** Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**SERMON:** *Witness and Wait*

Rev. Katie Palmer

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE: MEDITATION ON SOMETHING WE HAVE WITNESSED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN, *Go to the World!* (GTG #295)**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

**Sunday Class** – The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth successfully entered the world of Zoom on April 19 with discussion of the bible story of Noah and the Ark. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 for the current series, "Favorite Childhood Bible Stories" led by Richard Lindeborg. To join the meeting via computer, go to this link: [Join us on Zoom](#) The link is the same as for the Sunday worship service.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entrees

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Theresa DeHerrera, John & Bobbye Detterick, Pauline Dimsey, and Alex Ditton as well as Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer  
Accompanist – Em Krall

Worship Leader – Sharon Roe  
Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

*The church office is closed to the public, but calls and emails will be answered*

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

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