

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 17, 2020 10:30 a.m.

FAITHFUL WITNESSES

MEDITATION

*As Christ struggled up Calvary's hill and bled upon it,
His aim was to eradicate self-love and implant the love of God in [people's] hearts.
One can only increase as the other decreases.*

Walter J. Chantry

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosie Lopez

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 Psalm 103:1-5)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and remember what God gives: forgiveness, healing, redemption, steadfast love and mercy. Let us bless God with our worship!

OPENING HYMN, Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator (GTG #18)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Acts 18:1-4

[Then] Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people

that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

SERMON: *The Preaching of the Cross*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *Briefly It Enters and Briefly Speaks* by Jane Kenyon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN,** *Jesus Calls Us* (GTG #720)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

- Pastor Katie will be on **virtual study leave** this coming week, attending an online version of the Festival of Homiletics (a preaching conference). Consequently, there will be **no** Coffee with Katie or Thursday Tea Time this week.
- **Let's share some happiness** with each other! Please share a photo that makes you smile to our Facebook page. We'll post this invitation; you can post your photo with or without a comment in the comments section of the post.
- **Pentecost Sunday** is on May 31 this year and that day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit entering all of us with new life, new energy and new creativity. It seems appropriate that the PCUSA Pentecost Offering is dedicated to children and youth. In particular, 25% of that offering supports the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program; 25% supports ministries that inspire and guide youth as they grow and walk with Christ; and 10% supports advocacy for children at risk. The remaining 40% of the offering remains here where the Mission and Peacemaking Committee will determine how to use it for children and youth programs in Las Vegas. You can donate by notating Pentecost Offering on the memo line of your check OR

you can donate Online. Thank you for your generosity as we help the larger church make a difference for children and youth.

- **Sunday Class** –Starting next Sunday, May 24, we will be discussing the book *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor* by Amy Hollingsworth. You can order the book online or ask Richard to have one shipped to you for \$12.69. Details in the May newsletter or contact Richard Lindeborg.
- **Samaritan House Food Donations** - May - Rice and Beans. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.
- **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Bryan Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Em Krall & Cathy Stauber, and Betty & Roger Kretz as well as United Church of Angel Fire, Angel Fire NM (1996). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

May Elder of the Month – Corky Halverson – 505-235-7914

May Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper - 505-429-0285

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Worship Leader – Rosie Lopez
Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer