

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, PO Box 37,
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June 7, 2020 10:30 a.m.

A SPIRIT FOR LAMENT

MEDITATION – *Lament is not a failure of faith, but an act of faith. We cry out directly to God because deep down we know that our relationship with God counts; it counts to us and it counts to God.* – Michael D. Guinan, OFM

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karyl Lyne

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 – Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Let us come before God, inspired by the Spirit to lament our world's hurts.

OPENING HYMN, *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (GTG #280)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 1:13-14

Put on sackcloth and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar.
Come, pass the night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God!
Grain-offering and drink-offering are withheld from the house of your God.
Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.
Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God,
and cry out to the Lord.

MEDITATION

The Need to Lament

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A LITANY OF LAMENT

During this litany, we will:

- acknowledge the faithfulness and steadfast love of our God
- enter a time of Lament - *Within Our Darkest Night* (GTG #294)
- lift to God our painful struggles and cry to God about what is not right
(Between our cries of lament, we will hear, again, *Within Our Darkest Night*)
- invoke God's healing presence
(At the appropriate time, you will be invited to mark your forehead
with the sign of the cross, using cooking oil, perfume, or water)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN**, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (GTG #39)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE