

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081> or join us by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer or Carol Linder before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

The church building is closed. If you have questions or need help, please call the church office or email us at fupc.nm@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 30

NO Coffee with Katie

Thursday, July 2

NO Thursday Tea Time

Saturday, July 4

HAPPY 4th OF JULY!

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rod Billingsley

Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – Carol Linder



Our Daily Devotionals

Daily devotionals are available on our Facebook page - First United Presbyterian Church (the one with our Seeds. Roots. Branches logo) to find that day's devotional. You can also go to our website and under "Latest News" you'll find a link to the devotional. Or just click this link: [Devotionals](#)



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June 24, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I take this opportunity to update you on a few things.

First, I'm thankful to our Session for their decision that FUPC would be a co-sponsor of the Juneteenth event in Plaza Park on June 19. The church family was well-represented at the event. (I counted at least 20 FUPC family members there.) The organizers' count for all attendees was a little over 200. Among the attendees were Rev. Susan Quass, former Director of the NM Conference of Churches, and Rev. Roger Scott Powers, pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. Following Juneteenth, I received a letter from Rev. Quass commending our participation in the event. As we near the celebration of our national "birthday" on July 4, I can think of no better way to honor the intention of our founders than to continue to stand up for freedom, justice, and true equality for all.

Next...when I first started writing these notes to be included in email or snail mail versions of the Sunday Order of Worship, I focused heavily on the pandemic and encouraged everyone to take heart and to take all the steps necessary to protect yourselves and others. We are now seeing restrictions loosened and more flexibility in our activities. Please keep in mind that looser restrictions do not mean we can simply go back to what we used to think of as "normal." We must remain vigilant. Although New Mexico is doing a great job with a COVID curve that is trending downward, we are surrounded by states who are seeing an upswing in COVID cases as people have done just that. So, please, as you enjoy being able to visit your favorite restaurant or have small gatherings on your patio, remember to maintain social distancing, wear a mask if you are not eating or drinking, and continue to wash your hands frequently. And remember, the governor is still asking that, if you travel outside the state, you self-isolate when you return to protect your community. The current guidelines require a 14-day self-isolation for those flying into New Mexico and suggest it for those traveling home from other states by car. I know this can seem burdensome. Our son-in-law's COVID diagnosis (in Wisconsin) means that he, our daughter, and our four grandchildren will be quarantined for the next few weeks. It is not easy to ask a family of six to quarantine, but it protects their friends and co-workers, the patients/clients with whom they interact (our son-in-law is a nurse; our daughter a social worker), and the children with whom our grandchildren share daycare space, as well as casual connections made while running errands. But the virus is real and, for some, deadly. So, to borrow a phrase from an old TV show, "Be careful out there."

Know, too, that your Re-Entry Task Force will be in touch next month to ask your feedback as we make decisions about how we move forward come September and beyond. We know a few things for sure. At this point, gathering for worship is still a high-risk activity. A group of MDs recently released a ranking of various activities from 1 (low risk) to 9 (high risk). "Church" ranked 8. We also know that singing is a "super spreading" activity, as well as a favorite part of our worship together. We will continue to monitor research and our governor's guidelines in order to make the best decisions we can moving forward.

Finally, I will not be with you the next couple of Sundays. As mentioned in earlier communications, I will be on Study Leave from June 24 – 28. Then, D.R. and I will take the week of June 29 for some down time. (I have visions of yard work and baking and reading.). Thank you to Carol Linder, who will be the Zoom host for worship on June 28 and July 5 and will see to the technology demands on those days. Thank you, too, for those who will lead worship on those days: Rod Billingsley, Pat Halverson, Richard Lindeborg, and Peter Linder.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
June 28, 2020 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION

Just as your body needs sleep, your soul needs time to rest. Craig Groeschel

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rod Billingsley

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Lindeborg

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

We are children of God:

Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

We are citizens of a nation:

Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

We are members of a community:

Called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all.

We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God

OPENING HYMN *Come thou Fount of Every Blessing* (GTG #475)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments^[a] of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments^[b] of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.^[c] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MEDITATION

Freedom – An Invitation to Slavery

Rod Billingsley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Rock of Ages* (GTG #438)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

Online Sunday Class: 9:15a.m. Sundays on Zoom. On July 5th, the Sunday morning class for adults and youth will begin a six-week discussion of the book *Religion as We Know It: An origin Story* by Jack Miles. The discussion will be led by Richard Lindeborg. The reading assignment for July 5th is the Preface, pp. IX – XL. Participants who do not yet have the book can order it and have it shipped directly to their home. Richard can order copies for those who do not do online business for \$8.99, shipping included.

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Pastor Katie will be on Vacation June 29 - July 5. Please call the office or Mary Schipper (505-429-0285) with pastoral care needs.

Samaritan House Food Donations - June - Flour and Sugar. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

Prayers for the Church Family - Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Bob & Carrol Pearson, Chuck & Duffy Peterson and Betty Quick as well as Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba NM (1889).

Church Office 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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