

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 before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie via Zoom

3:00 p.m. – Community Life via Zoom

Thursday, August 20

3:30 p.m. - Thursday Tea Time via Zoom

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer
Accompanist – Em Krall

Worship Leader – Claire Weinstein
Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



Our Daily Devotionals

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



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August 12, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Wait for it! This Sunday is the day. After dozens of chapters in which Job and his friends go back and forth about why he is suffering, after Job talks through his anguish and expresses his need for God to talk to him...this Sunday, God does. The Lord will answer Job out of the whirlwind (Job 38:1). Please "tune in" to see what God will say. The artwork here is from William Blake, and depicts his vision of God speaking to Job from

the whirlwind. I invite you to think about what you might say to Job if you were God.



We will celebrate The Lord's Supper on Sunday as well, so please have with you in your worship space a bite of something to eat and a sip of something to drink. Remember that Jesus used the common elements of his time—bread and wine—to share the first communion meal with his followers, so feel free to use what you have on hand, whether that's a section of orange and water, a piece of muffin and milk, or toast and juice.

In other news, the Re-Entry Task Force has been looking at the results of the survey we asked you to complete. Thank you to the many of you who took time to fill out the survey. You'll hear more about the results in the September newsletter. But I did want to share that many of you would like the opportunity to meet together outdoors—following COVID guidelines, of course—to visit, have a prayer together, and maybe a snack. We want to make those gatherings happen! Please, if you could email me or call/email the church office to let us know you'd like to be included, that would help us plan. Please also let us know if you have space on your patio or porch for a small group (state restrictions limit gatherings to five) and would be willing to host.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with your church family as we navigate the continued need to keep everyone safe.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 9, 2020

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *Everything in nature invites us constantly to be what we are.* —Gretel Ehrlich

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Weinstein

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 95:1-5)

Our God is a great God! In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

OPENING HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* (GTG #15)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Job 31:35-37

³⁵ O that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!)

O that I had the indictment written by my adversary!

³⁶ Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown;

³⁷ I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him.

Job 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸ 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

SERMON

A More Expansive View

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE: "Tides" by Mary Oliver

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the last supper, Jesus used common food and drink to show God's grace.

Today, we remember Jesus as we are nourished at this table using food and drink common to us.

You might use a cracker and juice, a piece of fruit and tea, toast and coffee.

We trust that the elements you use will become for you the presence of Christ.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please join the pastor in lifting your "bread" and "cup" at the appropriate time

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* (GTG #23)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

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

The reading assignment for the **Sunday Class for Adults and Youth** for the August 23 class session is Part Two, pp. 23-38, of the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy. Ordering a book with express shipment or electronic delivery of the book is now desirable. Richard Lindeborg is willing to order a copy and have it shipped directly to your home.

Now is the time to order the book for our **August/September Summer Book Club selection: *One Coin Found*** by Emmy Kegler. Kegler, a queer woman who "knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude," narrates her experiences of being excluded and her attraction to a Bible that would not let her go. Kegler is now pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Kegler's story will allow us to discuss the Biblical texts often used to exclude. Please let Pastor Katie know if you'd like to participate in this discussion so that participants can choose a date and time that works for all.

Samaritan House Food Donations – August – Dry milk, Oatmeal or other dry cereals. 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 Gordy Thatcher, Karen Topping, and Tom Trigg as well as Community United Presbyterian Church, Jemez Springs NM (1881).

August Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

August Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457

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