

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, September 22

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

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 p.m. – *One Coin Found* book discussion via Zoom

Thursday, September 24

12:00 Noon – Re-Entry Task Force via Zoom

3:30 p.m. – Afternoon Tea Time via Zoom

Friday, September 25

9:00 a.m. – Noon – Advent Worship Planning Retreat via Zoom

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Mary Schipper

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Singers – Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Karyl Lyne

Visuals – Tegan Palmer

September 16, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends, .



D.R. and I returned from our vacation late Sunday evening after an enjoyable few days in the Abiquiu area. We loved exploring this stunningly beautiful part of the state! We are grateful for the hospitality of the Ghost Ranch staff, who opened a conference room for us to Zoom into my brother Mike's memorial gathering on Saturday. Afterward, we spent time in reflection as we walked the labyrinth at

Ghost Ranch. (See photo; this is perhaps the most majestic view I've ever had while walking a labyrinth!). Thank you for the cards and other expressions of sympathy on Mike's passing. While his recent diagnosis of Stage 4 cancer braced me for news that he might not live long, neither my family nor I expected this. It's a difficult time; thank you for your prayers.

In worship news, we will be hearing the "Voices of the Prophets" this fall—a fitting focus, I think, for the times in which we live. A pandemic, social and racial unrest, horrific wildfires, hurricanes, and an upcoming election may lead us to wonder what is going on and what is God's Word for us at this time. As we listen during the upcoming weeks for that Word from some of the prophets of the Hebrew Bible, perhaps we will hear what God most values and how we can respond to God's Word right now.

We begin this week in the 34th chapter of Ezekiel, a prophet who lived during the time of Jerusalem's fall to Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian exile of the Israelites. Chapter 34 is part of the "restoration discourses" of this book—discourses about God's promises to restore God's people who have suffered through exile.

We will also share communion this week, so please have near you as you zoom in for worship a bite of something to eat—bread, cracker, a piece of fruit—and a sip of something to drink—juice, tea, milk, or water. We trust that our loving and relational God will make whatever we have on hand to eat and drink the bread of life and cup of blessing for us.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie



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September 20, 2020 10:30 a.m.

VOICES OF THE PROPHETS



MEDITATION – *In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.* –Albert Einstein

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Schipper
MINUTE FOR MISSION Peace & Global Witness Offering Carol Litherland
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 95:1, 7)
O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

OPENING HYMN *Let's Sing unto the Lord* (GTG #669)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 34:1-16

34The word of the Lord came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them. ⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. ¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

SERMON *Feeding Justice* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *Let It Be Me* - song lyrics by Emily Saliers

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 *Live Into Hope* (GTG #772)

CHARGE AND BEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

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

Sunday Class: The reading assignment for the Sunday Class for Adults and Youth September 27 class session is Part Seven, pp. 147-161, of the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy. The series runs through Oct. 4. In October the Class will begin a study of *Man in White*, a biography of St. Paul by (That!) Johnny Cash. We will be using the hard cover edition (HarperCollins 1986). Used **hardcover** copies are available through Alibris, AbeBooks, Amazon and other dealers for \$5.50 to \$12 including tax and shipping. Those who do not shop online can have Richard Lindeborg order a copy of either book to be drop shipped to your address.

Join us for our discussion of *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. Just zoom in as you would for Sunday morning worship via the FUPC website. We'll talk about Kegler's memoir, which shows us her faith journey as a gay person. 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.

Samaritan House Food Donations – September – Canned Milk, Canned Vegetables. 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 Jan & Frank Buerskens, Rod Billingsley & Karen Topping, and Renee, Peter and Alastair Buchanan as well as Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena NM (1907).

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

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

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