

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, October 27

9:00 a.m. -Coffee with Katie via Zoom
Noon – Buildings and Grounds
6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom

Thursday, October 29

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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Lisa Weinstein
Accompanist – Em Krall Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer
Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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October 21, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

During this beautiful autumn week we celebrate the beauty of the gold and red leaves at the same time we are aware of fires burning across so much of the country, causing much devastation to our forests. On social media I am seeing photos of glorious golden aspen and flaming maple trees juxtaposed with photos of the fires burning in Colorado, where some friends of ours have been evacuated and fear they will not have a home to go back to. One couple we know, who live between the Cameron Peak and Cal-Wood fires, has evacuated their horses and chickens so that, if they are placed under an evacuation order, they can leave quickly. And as I write this, we are hearing more about the Luna fire burning near Chacón.

We are also dealing with the disappointment of a spike in COVID-19 cases in the state. Maps displaying the spread of the virus now show New Mexico in red, indicating the dangers of this spike. New restrictions on activity because of the pandemic have caused us to cancel our FUPC Fellowship Parade scheduled for Saturday and our short, in-person Word and Prayer service scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

It's easy to feel down when these are the things we are hearing in the news. But the words we hear from Isaiah this week remind us that neither the fires nor the pandemic have the final word, nor do the great divisions we are seeing in our country or any of our trials and fears.

This week we hear from what is known as the "Isaiah Apocalypse," which speaks of the judgment on all creation because of humanity's inability to live righteously, but also of God's great generosity and love in the psalm of praise that is our Scripture for the week—a psalm of praise for our God who offers salvation and new community.

We will hear God's Word from Isaiah in the context of Reformation Sunday. In addition to words from Isaiah, we will spend some time with the words of a poem by Ulrich Zwingli, a Swiss reformer who was a contemporary of Martin Luther's. Luther, of course, was known for starting the Reformation by posting his "Ninety-Five Theses" on the doors of churches in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. Zwingli is known for something called "The Affair of the Sausages," which you'll hear about on Sunday.

On another note...members of your FUPC Session have committed to completing the 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge from November 1-21. We encourage you all to join us in this PC(USA) program designed to raise awareness about racism and how we can stand against it. The program is outlined on the denomination's website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/>. Scroll down until you see the program activities, listed by day. Each has a link to that day's activity, which should take less than an hour to complete. It's a small investment of your time to learn about an injustice that continues against people of color in our country. We will plan to discuss our experiences of the challenge; watch for more details about discussion times.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on my Zoom screen on Sunday!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

October 25, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**VOICES OF THE PROPHETS
REFORMATION SUNDAY**



MEDITATION – *Our confidence in Christ does not make us lazy, negligent, or careless, but on the contrary it awakens us, urges us on, and makes us active in living righteous lives and doing good. There is no self-confidence to compare with this.* –Ulrich Zwingli

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
ANNOUNCEMENTS Lisa Weinstein
MINUTE FOR MISSION City of Las Vegas Proclamation

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 (from Psalm 70:4)

Let all who seek you, O God, rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation say evermore, ‘God is great!’
Friends, as we gather together from the holy ground of our homes, let us worship God together!

OPENING HYMN *What Is This Place* (GTG #404—v. 1, 2, 1)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SERMON *Help. Console. Sound.* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO AND SEAL GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE Again we hear Isaiah 25:6-9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *My Life Flows On* (GTG #821)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

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

The Sunday morning bible-based class for adults and youth is now discussing the book "Man in White" by Johnny Cash. The Reading assignment for November 1 is Chapter 2 "The Fast" pp. 59-85. (Tarsus, Saul's education, contact with followers of Jesus, growing sense of mission). You can get a copy of the book quickly by using express mailing from Amazon, Alibris, Abe, or other online sources. The Class is using the 1986 hardbound (HarperCollins) white cover edition, rather than the newer black cover editions. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy to be shipped to your home.

Your Session has made a commitment to accept the **21-Day Racial Justice Challenge**, which challenges us to do something each day to raise our awareness about racism. Please plan to join your leaders in this effort. The Pastor’s letter you received with this bulletin will explain the challenge further; you will find the activities for the 21-Day Challenge in the article at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/>

Samaritan House Food Donations – October--Peanut Butter and Jelly. 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 John & Bobbye Detterick, Pauline Dimsey, and Alex Ditton as well as First Presbyterian Church, Raton NM (1885).

October Elder of the Month – Deb Allen-Reid – 505-331-9125

October Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund – 505-429-1885

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