

## 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 6

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

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

1:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

#### Thursday, October 8

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

#### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Accompanist – Em Krall

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



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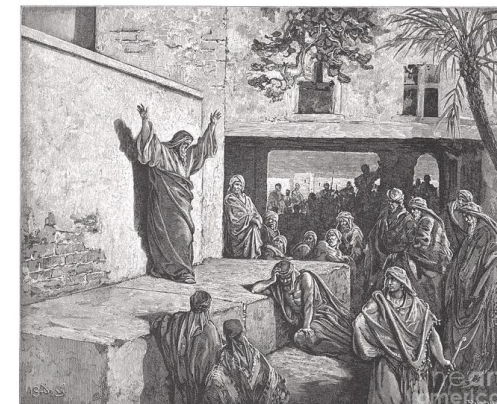


September 30, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday we are invited to remember the national church's Peace and Global Witness Offering, which "encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world" [PCUSA) website]. What better way to honor that encouragement than to acknowledge our community's Hunger Awareness Month and to listen to the prophet Micah's caution against false prophets?

Like Isaiah, Micah was an 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. prophet. From the town of Moresheth in Judah, Micah is sometimes called a prophet of the marketplace (as opposed to a prophet of the temple). He was particularly concerned with how political policies affected the peasant class. I have been trying to "read" the faces of the people as I look at this drawing by 19<sup>th</sup> century artist Gustav Doré called "Micah Exhorts the Israelites to Repent." Their expressions are interesting; are they ashamed? Apathetic? Defiant?



Micah Exhorts the Israelites to Repent

Repent." Their expressions are interesting; are they ashamed? Apathetic? Defiant?

Micah predicted an Assyrian invasion unless his words were heeded. As we've been learning, those words, like the words of many other prophets, called leaders to focus on justice and the good of all the people rather than on self-interest. Indeed, Assyria did attack and much of Judah was dominated by the Assyrians.

I'm often reminded, when I read the prophets, the words of Martin Luther King: "Without justice, there can be no peace."

Our awareness of those who go hungry and our work to ensure that the inexcusable issue of hunger is addressed is one way in which we can

seek justice. I'm glad that Mayor Trujillo has designated October "Hunger Awareness Month," but hope that we will remain aware of the needs of the hungry every month until no one knows hunger in a world of abundance.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

#### Hunger and Poverty Snapshot\*

- One in 9 households struggles to put food on the table. (USDA, ERS, Household Food Security in the United States in 2018)
- 43,138,824 people live in counties with poverty rates of 20 percent or more. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community 5-Year data. Table S1701.)
- People of color in the United States are 2 times more likely than whites to live with hunger and poverty. (Bread estimations based on data from 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5 Year data. Tables B17001B, B17001C, and B17001E, B17001H, B17001I.)
- An individual must earn \$16.07 per hour in New Mexico to provide for a family, yet, the state minimum wage is \$7.50. (Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and MIT, Living Wage Calculator. Hourly living wage based on standard four-person household with two adults and two children. Living wages for single parent households are much higher. Published January 2019.). NOTE: AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020, NEW MEXICO'S MINIMUM WAGE IS \$9/HOUR.

\*from Bread for the World: [http://files.bread.org/state-fact-sheets/2020/United-States.pdf?\\_ga=2.84436122.2000910690.1601416703-2064177243.1601416703](http://files.bread.org/state-fact-sheets/2020/United-States.pdf?_ga=2.84436122.2000910690.1601416703-2064177243.1601416703)

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 27, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**VOICES OF THE PROPHETS**



**MEDITATION** – *Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.* –Helen Keller

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

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| <b>WELCOME</b>              | Rev. Katie Palmer                   |
| <b>PRELUDE</b>              | Em Krall                            |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>        | Karyl Lyne                          |
| <b>MINUTE FOR MISSION</b>   | CROP Walk/Hunger Month – Karyl Lyne |
| <b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b> |                                     |

*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 43:3-4)

O send out your light and your truth to us, O God, that they might lead us.  
Show us to your holy place where we will find joy in you.  
Let us praise you in song, O God!

**OPENING HYMN** *We Praise You, O God* (GTG #612)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Micah 3:5-12

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

**SERMON** *Woe to Misleading Prophets* Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE** *Come! Live in the Light!* (GTG #749)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (GTG #722)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Welcome!*

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

**Sunday Class:** On October 11, the Sunday class for adults and youth will take up the book *Man in White* by Johnny Cash. The Book is a Historical Novel about the Life of St. Paul. The class will be using the hardbound 1986 edition (white cover) from Harper Collins, which is available used from Amazon, Alibris, Abe Books and other dealers. You can order it yourself or ask Richard Lindeborg to order a copy and have it shipped directly to your home. For the first class session, please read the introduction, pp. 1-16.

**Mark Your Calendars!** On Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Frank Beurskens will lead a discussion of the film *The Social Dilemma* via Zoom. Watch the film, which is available via Netflix or YouTube, then zoom in just as you would for worship to join the discussion. This thought-provoking film reveals what really goes on behind the screen when Facebook and other social media platforms create your news feed.

**CROP Hunger Walk 2020** is a design-your-own-walk. Walk, ride, bike, motor, skate, boat--choose your time, place and mode to do CROP Walk during October. Be safe, have fun, and know that we help hungry people here and around the world as we walk and donate. CROP Walk Kick-Off is Sat. Oct. 3, at 10 am. Find the link to Kick-off, registration, team creation and donation at [www.crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm). 25% comes back here to Comedor de San Pascual Soup Kitchen & Pantry, Las Vegas Community Soup Kitchen and The Samaritan House. Let's End Hunger - One Step at a Time!

✚ **Checks to CWS/CROP** can be sent to Patrick Rucker, CROP Walk Treasurer, c/o First United Presbyterian Church, PO Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701. **Let's End Hunger One Step at a Time!**

**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 Elisa White, Laura Wilson, Charlotte Wootton & Susan Apodaca, and Evelyn Wootton as well as Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Peñasco NM (1881).

*October Elder of the Month – Deb Allen-Reid – 505-331-9125*  
*October Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund – 505-429-1885*  
*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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