

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

Monday, January 25

11:00 a.m. – Deacons via Zoom

Tuesday, January 26

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

Thursday, January 28

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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Art Trujillo
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer	Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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January 20, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday, we will continue our walk “On the Way with Jesus” to the Lake of Gennesaret, where Jesus will teach the people and, afterwards, will instruct Simon to lower his nets into the water for a miraculous catch of fish. And then he will tell Simon to look forward to “catching people” from now on. We will spend some time on Sunday talking about what that means—for Simon and for us.

As I write this, I am listening to President Biden's inaugural address, as I suggested last Sunday that we all do. He speaks of justice, truth and unity and suggests that we must be different in order to achieve these ends—different in the ways in which we think about one another and our world; different not only in the ways we treat each other but in our active reaching out, if you will, to catch each other. He talks about working toward “not power but possibilities,” about “opening our souls rather than hardening our hearts.” May we pray for and work toward these ends.

During the inaugural event, I was particularly taken with the young poet, Amanda Gorman. Below, I share a poem of hers, called “The Miracle of Morning.”

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

The Miracle of Morning, by Amanda Gorman

I thought I'd awaken to a world in mourning.
Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.
But there's something different on this golden morning.
Something magical in the sunlight, wide and warming.

I see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.
Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.
A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.
She grins as her young neighbor brings her groceries.

While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,
Our people have never been more closely tethered.
The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,
But how we will weather this unknown together.

So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.

As one, we will defeat both despair and disease.
We stand with healthcare heroes and all employees;
With families, libraries, schools, waiters, artists;
Businesses, restaurants, and hospitals hit hardest.

We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.
In suffering, we must find solidarity.

For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.

Read children's books, dance alone to DJ music.
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow fonder.
From a wave of woes our world will emerge stronger.

We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;
Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;
Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
January 24, 2021 10:30 a.m.

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS

MEDITATION – *The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for.*
Fyodor Dostoyevsky

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
ANNOUNCEMENTS Art Trujillo
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 90:16-17)

As we come to worship you, O God, let your work be manifest in us and your glorious power to all around us!

O prosper the work of our hands!

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

O prosper the work of our hands!

We turn now to worship the God who calls us, welcomes us, and guides us!

OPENING HYMN *God Welcomes All* (GTG #399)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON *Catching People* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE Poem: *Luke 5:1 Disciples* by Joseph Ross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *You Walk along Our Shoreline* (GTG #170)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

- We will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting** via Zoom following worship on Sunday, February 7. Please plan to attend.
- The **deadline for submissions to the February newsletter** is Monday, January 25.
- The **Sunday morning class** for adults and youth has started discussing the book "He Said - I Am ...and He Is" by Glenn C. Carlson. The book deals with the seven times in the Gospel of John that Jesus asserts "I am" The reading assignments each week include sections of the book and the related scripture passages. For the January 31 session the readings are "I am the Light of the World" pp. 11-13, John 9: Spiritual blindness and "I Am the Gate for the Sheep" pp. 15-19, John 10: The parable of the sheepfold. The book is available from Xlibris.com in softcover for \$14.99, for \$11.85 with free shipping from Amazon Prime and as a Kindle book for \$3.99. There are also a few used copies available for \$5 to \$10 with shipping from AbeBooks and Alibris. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your house. He can also email you a scanned copy of the second week's readings if you are stranded with a copy in transit.
- **Samaritan House Food Donations** – January – 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 Mary Schipper & Tom Trigg, Renee Soderlund & Jerry Russell, and Linda & Gene Solyntjes as well as Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1947).

January Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-454-9704

January Deacon of the Month - Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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