

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, April 20

7:30 a.m. – TT&T via Zoom

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

Saturday, April 24

9:00 a.m. – Noon – Presbytery Stewardship Fare via Zoom

Sunday, April 25

3:00 p.m. – Bingo with Community Life via Zoom



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
PO Box 37
Las Vegas NM 87701

April 14, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

The Renewal Grant Task Force is excited to be leading this Sunday's worship! A brief recap: We will be applying for a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program grant that would fund my Sabbatical expenses and expenses for the church to engage in a renewal program concurrent with my time away. You will remember that, during worship on March 7, we invited your input in small group breakout sessions. The Task Force listened closely to your input, to my dreams for Sabbatical, to the guidance of our church leaders, and to the grant proposal guidelines as we crafted our proposal, which is now in its final stages. Its title is "Tracking the Word: Embodying the Spirit," a title that speaks to our desire to follow Christ's tracks and to embody the Spirit not only in our work, but in the deepest part of our beings. We never know where those tracks might lead, but we can commit to follow them faithfully. Likewise, we never know what we might learn by opening ourselves to the Spirit, but we know it will provide more than enough for us, and certainly more than if we don't practice that openness.

During worship, we will praise the God who has led this congregation for more than 150 years now and the Task Force will communicate with you the plans being submitted in the proposal for our renewal—a time offering new and joyful experiences for all of us. We will also share communion together, so please have elements with you when you Zoom in on Sunday morning.

Below, I share with you a poem by David Whyte that speaks to a spirit of renewal.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Enough by David Whyte

Enough. These few words are enough.
If not these words, this breath.
If not this breath, this sitting here.

This opening to life
we have refused
again and again
until now.

Until now.



Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leaders/Preachers – Renewal Grant Task Force:

Pam Abreu, Rev. Katie Palmer, D.R. Palmer, Denice Spicer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Visuals – Tegan Palmer

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Judy Long, Jan Beurskens, DR Palmer, Kent Reid, Mark Gillingham and Karyl Lyne.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

April 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.

~~~~~MOVED BY THE SPIRIT~~~~~

MEDITATION – *But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.*

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. – Job 12:7-10

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Abreu

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Denice Spicer

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 103)

D.R. Palmer

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Let us worship the God of steadfast love!

OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (GTG #664)

OPENING PRAYER

Denice Spicer

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

D.R. Palmer

SERMON

Tracking the Word: Embodying the Spirit

Matthew 5:16

Pam Abreu

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Psalms 16:7-11

Rev. Katie Palmer

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Romans 12:2

Denice Spicer

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Psalms 139:7-12

D.R. Palmer

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *Be Thou My Vision* (GTG #450, v. 1)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Know That God is Good* (GTG #659)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Please join us for the Presbytery of Santa Fe **Stewardship Fare from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 24**. This event, for all of us who wrestle with how to be faithful with our lives and resources, will be an interactive forum with keynote speaker the Rev. Shannon Webster. It will challenge us to examine the whole of stewardship in our lives, including exploring (1) Gratitude; (2) Biblical bases for stewardship; (3) Stewardship versus budgeting; (4) The differences between stewardship and fundraising; (5) "Who owns my stuff?" and (6) Practical tools in stewardship. Not just for church officers, this online event will be held via Zoom. To register, go to santafepresbytery.org and click on the link to register under "Stewardship" on the right side of the main page.

The Sunday morning class for adults and youth has started discussion of *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Reflections in a time of loss, Grief and Uncertainty* by Walter Brueggemann, and *God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath* by N.T. Wright. See the April newsletter or contact Richard Lindeborg for information on how to obtain the books. The reading assignment for **Apr. 25**: Brueggemann pp. 23-34, Chapter 2: "Pestilence...Mercy? Who Knew?--2 Samuel" and Chapter 3: "Until the Dancing Begins Again—Jeremiah."

Samaritan House Food Donations – April– Boxed Potatoes or other entrée. 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 Linda Cunningham, Theresa Deherrera and Pauline Dimsey as well as Embudo Presbyterian Church (1889).

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

April 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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