

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, May 31

Holiday - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 1

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

7:30 a.m. – Time, Talent & Treasure via Zoom

11 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds in Church Library

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

3:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking via Zoom

Thursday, June 3

9:30 a.m. - Worship and Music via Zoom



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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May 26, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Somehow, we are already coming up on the last weekend of May. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month, so we will have our traditional 5th Sunday healing service. Please have a bit of oil or water with you when you Zoom in if you would like to participate in the anointing of this healing service. Our worship time will center on God's sustaining love through our season of pandemic as we all worship via Zoom before moving to hybrid worship on June 6.

This Sunday will also be our last "Zoom only" worship service. On June 6 we will move to a hybrid service, meaning that some of our church family will worship in person in the sanctuary and others will Zoom in. Because we are still uncertain about when the equipment can be installed to stream the service to Perea Hall, we are asking that you call or email the church office **BY NOON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3**, if you would like to worship in the sanctuary on June 6. While capacity requirements for churches have been lifted, distancing recommendations have not been, so we will only be able to accommodate about 25 people in the sanctuary. There will be more information about this hybrid service in next week's bulletin and in the June newsletter.

On a personal note, thank you to those who sent notes and texts wishing me well following my little medical adventure, and for all of you for holding me in prayer. I am doing well. I will continue to have follow-up appointments as I work with my medical team to try to track down the cause of this small stroke and to prevent it from happening again. For now, I am grateful that I suffered no perceivable damage. As poet Jane Kenyon so beautifully says, "It might have been otherwise." I leave you this week with Kenyon's poem, "Otherwise."

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Otherwise by Jane Kenyon

I got out of bed
on two strong legs.
It might have been
otherwise. I ate
cereal, sweet
milk, ripe, flawless
peach. It might
have been otherwise.
I took the dog uphill
to the birch wood.
All morning I did
the work I love.

At noon I lay down
With my mate. It might
have been otherwise.
We ate dinner together
at a table with silver
candlesticks. It might
have been otherwise.
I slept in a bed
in a room with paintings
on the walls, and
planned another day
just like this day.
But one day, I know,
it will be otherwise.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 30, 2021 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

MEDITATION - *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.* – Ecclesiastes 3:1

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
ANNOUNCEMENTS Christina 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 (inspired by Psalm 69:1-3, 13-16)

Save us, O God, for the waters of pandemic have come up to our necks.

We are weary with crying for those lost; weary from seeking a foothold where there is only change, weary with waiting for a normal that can't be.

In the abundance of your love, deliver us from these deep waters.

Your steadfast love sustains us; according to your mercy, turn to us as we gather to sing our praise!

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

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

SERMON Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING *Doxology*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (GTG #543)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

If you would like to **join us in the sanctuary for our first hybrid worship service**, please call or email the church office (505-425-7763/fupc.nm@gmail.com) to **reserve a spot**. Since we may not have equipped Perea Hall for overflow by then, we will be able to seat only the first 25 family units who reserve a space.

The last class in the Sunday morning series on the books *Virus as a Summons to Faith* and *God and the Pandemic* is June 6. The reading assignment is *God and the Pandemic* by N.T. Wright, pp. 52-76, Ch. 5: "Where do we go from Here?"

The next book for discussion by the class is *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize winning biographer of George H.W. Bush, Thomas Jefferson, and Andrew Jackson, and author of *The Soul of America* and *American Gospel*, among others. Please order your book soon or ask Richard Lindeborg to order one for you so it will arrive in time for the first class session on June 13. Ordering information is in the May newsletter. The reading assignment for the first class is "Prologue: In the Beginning," pp. 3-31

Samaritan House Food Donations – June– Flour and Sugar 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 Carol and Peter Linder, Carol and Ken Litherland and Christina Litherland as well as First United Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, NM (1870).

June Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-429-0923

June Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-3972

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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Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leader – Christina Litherland

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer Visuals – D.R. Palmer Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Judy Long, Jan Beurskens, Mark Gillingham, Kent Reid and John Litherland