

**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!



May 5, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

D.R. and I are taking a week of vacation beginning Sunday, May 9. We leave you in good hands. Carol Linder will be Zoom host this Sunday and Peter Linder will be Worship Leader. **Rev. Ken Cuthbertson** will be our guest preacher. Ken is a longtime friend of FUPC. He "retired" from his position as Parish Associate at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in August of 2020 after approximately 16-1/2 years of service in various capacities. He and his husband, Doug Calderwood, live in Albuquerque.

Should you need pastoral support this week, please call Mary Schipper (505-429-0285).

D.R. and I haven't quite decided how we will spend this week, but whatever we do, we plan to be fully present to the wonder of the world around us—whether in our own backyard or exploring somewhere else. Below you'll find a poem by Wendell Berry called "The Vacation." It resonated with me; perhaps it will with you as well.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN**

**Tuesday, May 11**

NO Coffee with Katie

2:00 p.m. – Community Life Via Zoom

**Wednesday, May 12**

2:00 p.m. – JOT



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1000 Douglas Avenue  
PO Box 37  
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*The Vacation*  
by Wendell Berry

Once there was a man who filmed his vacation.  
He went flying down the river in his boat  
with his video camera to his eye, making  
a moving picture of the moving river  
upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly  
toward the end of his vacation. He showed  
his vacation to his camera, which pictured it,  
preserving it forever: the river, the trees,  
the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing boat  
behind which he stood with his camera  
preserving his vacation even as he was having it  
so that after he had had it he would still  
have it. It would be there. With a flick  
of a switch, there it would be. But he  
would not be in it. He would never be in it.

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Worship Leader – Peter Linder  
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne      Accompanist – Em Krall  
Zoom Host – Carol Linder      Visuals – Tegan Palmer      Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford  
Singers:  
Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Jan Beurskens, Karyl Lyne, DR Palmer, Mark Gillingham and Kent Reid

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 9, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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

**MEDITATION** - *Choose life so that you and your descendants may live....*— Deuteronomy 30:19

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

**PRELUDE**

Em Krall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Peter Linder

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Karyl Line

*Spirit Boxes*

**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 15:1-3, 5c)

One: Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

One: Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**OPENING HYMN** *¡Miren qué bueno!* (GTG #397)

*Please sing the Refrain/Estrillo in Spanish, and the verses in English*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is

born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**SERMON** “*Salvo en los Tiernos Brazos*” – “Safe in the Arms of Jesus” Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD** - from “The Confession of 1967”, PCUSA, *The Book of Confessions* 9.31

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate humanity from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.**

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

*Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.*

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

**CLOSING HYMN** - *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (GTG #721)

*Please sing the verses in English, and the Refrain/Estrillo in Spanish*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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

**The Sunday morning class** for adults and youth is discussing *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 May newsletter or contact Richard Lindeborg for information on how to obtain the books. The reading assignment for **May 16** is Wright, pp.15-29, Ch. 3: “Jesus and the Gospels.” This discussion runs through June 6, so there is still time to buy a book and join in.

**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. It is probably best to order the Meacham book by May 15 to have it by the first class session on June 13. Ordering information is in the May Newsletter.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – May– Rice and beans. 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 Lillian Hoika, Nina and Larry Johns and Bryan Johnson as well as First Presbyterian Church in Grants, NM (1929).

*May Elder of the Month – Joyce Litherland – 505-429-0037*

*May Deacon of the Month – Rosie Lopez – 505-426-7399*

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*Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

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