

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.

If you'd like to worship on site rather than online, please call the church office (505-425-7763) to reserve a spot. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, June 15

7:30 a.m. – TT&T via Zoom

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



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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June 9, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month and on Sunday we will be celebrating the great diversity of God's people—of all of us and all of our wonderful differences that exist within the wide arms of God's love. Our June theme—The Church at Work—calls us to recognize that one of our “jobs” is to celebrate this diversity and to always affirm God's people.

When I first came to Las Vegas, a clergy person from a different community said to me something I have always remembered: “First United Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas was inclusive before we ever even started talking about it.” I know that is perhaps an oversimplification, but I do think that this faith community has always recognized that God's people represent a wonderful diversity in the image of a God who clearly enjoys diversity. (Think aardvarks and giraffes and eels and whales as well as the diversity we see among people the world over!)

You probably recognize the name of Matthew Shepard, the young gay man who was beaten, tortured, tied to a barbed-wire fence and left to die near Laramie, Wyoming, in the fall of 1998. It was a horrific event and one that had a huge impact on those working for LGBTQ+ equality, including hate crime legislation. In 2016, composer Craig Hella Johnson composed a concert-length piece called “Considering Matthew Shepard.” The last piece in the work, “All of Us,” concludes that we will understand the sacred life of every person “only in the love” and only with “all of us.” Johnson said about this piece, “At its core, it is intended to be a jubilant call to remember the inherent value and radiance in every living being, indeed, in every aspect of Creation.”

As we prepare to celebrate the outrageous diversity of God's creation and the wonderful diversity of God's people and their inherent value this week, I encourage you to listen to “All of Us.” You can find it on YouTube as performed by many different groups; this one - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGF_fnp1Vh4 – features a virtual choir with singers from around the world.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

a verse from *All of Us*

Most noble Light, Creation's face,
How should we live but joined in you,
Remain within your saving grace
Through all we say and do
And know we are the Love that moves
The sun and all the stars?
O Love that dwells, O Love that burns
In every human heart.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

June 13, 2021 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

MEDITATION – *We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity.* - George Takei

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

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 146)

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will sing praises to God all my life long!

Do not put your trust in mortals, but in God.

For our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth and all things.

The Lord keeps faith with us always.

God works for justice, feeds the hungry, frees us from captivity, and lifts us up.

God opens our eyes to truth and watches out for those who are marginalized.

God loves us—all of us!

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator* (GTG #18)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

*We remember that, **before** we confess and no matter what we confess to God,
we can be assured of God’s Love and Mercy.*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...’

Psalm 139:13-14 - For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Colossians 3:9-11 - ...you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

1 Corinthians 12:12-16 - For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body.

Acts 10:34-35; 44-47 - Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. . . . While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift

of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’

SERMON *According to the Image of the Creator* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *Live into Hope* (GTG #772, v. 3)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING *Doxology*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES Karyl Lyne

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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

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 next week, June 20**, please call or email the church office ([505-425-7763/fupc.nm@gmail.com](tel:505-425-7763)) to **reserve a spot**. Since we will 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 Sunday morning class for youth and adults has begun discussing *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham. Ordering information is in the June newsletter. Richard Lindeborg can order you a book, too. The reading assignment for the June 20 class session is *The First Word*: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (pp. 33-44)

Samaritan House Food Donations – June– Flour and Sugar. 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 Karyl Lyne and Patrick Rucker, Bernie Meadows and Gail Malley and Maridell and Don Monnheimer as well as Magdalena Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena, NM (1907).

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

June Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-617-0459

*Church Office is **open** to the public, and calls and emails will be answered*

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton & Susan Apodaca

Tech Crew: Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Patrick Rucker, Jeff Salman, Denice Spicer

Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, DR Palmer and Karyl Lyne

Whether onsite or online, we welcome all to our new hybrid worship service!