

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 22

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

Wednesday, June 23

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

It’s good to see some of you back in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings as well as many faces on Zoom. As I have mentioned before, there are bound to be a few glitches along the way as we become more comfortable with the hybrid technology, so thank you for hanging in there and for cheering us on. I know there were some issues with sound last week; we are working on it!

This coming Sunday we will take another look at “The Church at Work” and our call to pursue social justice. June 19<sup>th</sup> marks the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Juneteenth,” which celebrates the news of emancipation finally reaching some 250,000 enslaved Black people more than 2 ½ years after emancipation went into effect. It is a time to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation and the countless contributions of African Americans, as well as a time to expand our awareness of the ways in which racism still oppresses people of color. Our hymns will fill our ears with just a few songs from our hymnal written by Black composers and we will be talking about the importance of teaching and working toward justice.

We will also feast at The Lord’s Supper on Sunday. If you are joining us online, please have a bite of something to eat and a sip of something to drink with you. If you are joining us in the sanctuary, you will pick up a packet of bread and a cup as you enter; please place the cup in the cupholder of the pew and the bread near you in the pew until time for communion.

FUPC’s Re-Entry Task Force continues to monitor announcements from the Governor’s office and other information as it becomes available and to discuss next steps.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

Caged Bird by Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps  
on the back of the wind  
and floats downstream  
till the current ends  
and dips his wing  
in the orange sun rays  
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks  
down his narrow cage  
can seldom see through  
his bars of rage  
his wings are clipped and  
his feet are tied  
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings  
with a fearful trill  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his tune is heard  
on the distant hill  
for the caged bird  
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze  
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees  
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn  
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams  
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream  
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied  
so he opens his throat to sing.

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