## **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





#### June 16, 2021

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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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

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A free bird leaps	<b>'</b>
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.	1
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	1
so he opens his throat to sing.	
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The caged bird sings	
with a fearful trill	1
of things unknown	
but longed for still	
and his tune is heard	
on the distant hill	
for the caged bird	
sings of freedom.	
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Caged Bird by Maya Angelou

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.

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.

#### FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701 June 20, 2021 10:30 a.m.

#### THE CHURCH AT WORK

**MEDITATION** – My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together. - Desmond Tutu

#### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME** 

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall Sharon Roe

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 Isaiah 53:6-9)

We gather together to praise the God who teaches us the way of righteousness. God reminds us that we are to pursue justice:

To loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke and let the oppressed go free;

To share bread with the hungry and to shelter the homeless;

To clothe the naked and to reach out with a healing touch.

We worship the God who shows us the way and who hears when we call;

the God whose Spirit fills the space in which we gather!

**OPENING HYMN** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (GTG #408)

#### **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** Psalm 78:1-8

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

**SERMON** *Teaching for Steadfast Hearts* 

Rev. Katie Palmer

## WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** 

We give thanks for our invitation to feast at Christ's table!

**COMING TO THE TABLE** I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (GTG #770, v. 1 - 4) **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

#### WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **OPPORTUNITIES** 

**CLOSING HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (GTG #339) **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 27, please call or email the church office (505-425-7763/fupc.nm@gmail.com) 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 a new time on Zoom: 9:00 instead of 9:15 to give attendees more time to travel to the church for worship if they so desire. The class is now 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 27 class session is The Second Word: "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (pp. 47-52).

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 Rusty Mountjoy, Don Owens and Katie and D.R. Palmer as well as First Presbyterian Church, Mora, NM (1883).

> 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 Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon fupc.nm@gmail.com 505-425-7763 www.lvpresbyterian.org Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 303-775-7356 pastorkatiepalmer@gmail.com

### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Sharon Roe 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, Jan Beurskens, Mark Gillingham,

Judy Long, D.R. Palmer, Kent Reid, John Litherland

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Doxology

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME