HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 in the sanctuary, via zoom by going to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081, or 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, August 16

9:00 a.m. – Finance Task Force

Tuesday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 21

10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Brahm Nardone Weinrich





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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701 August 15, 2021 10:30 a.m.

God's **BIG** Picture

MEDITATION – Above all else, know this: Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones. For God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive. –Meister Eckhart

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 (Based on Psalm 104)

Juli Salman

One: God brings forth food from the earth; God feeds the creatures and gives us plants to eat.

All: God gives us wine to gladden our hearts, bread to strengthen us.

One: God waters the earth; trees grow and create a home for nests.

All: God makes creatures that fit in their various places—mountain goats and desert lizards; antelope who live on the plains and fish who swim in the sea.

One: God gives us days for living and nights for sleeping; God gives us the seasons to nurture and aid us.

All: How manifold are God's works! Let us rejoice in the gifts we receive from 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.

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Generous and Loving God, thank you for the gifts you shower upon us, and for giving each of us gifts that enable us to work toward the unity you want for your beloved creation.

Forgive us when we fail to use our gifts for that purpose, but instead use them in unhealthy ways. Forgive us when we let our gifts lie dormant. Forgive us when we fail to see that our individual gifts are not for us alone, but are ways in which we can nurture your people.

Guide us to recognize your grace in our gifts and to use those gifts to love others. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON

Growing Up

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Doxology

CLOSING HYMN We All Are One in Mission (GTG #733) **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION POSTLUDE**

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

Next Sunday, August 22, the Bible-based class for adults and youth will begin discussing A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available used from Amazon for as little as \$.99 hardback and \$2.00 paperback (plus shipping) and from other online vendors, such as Alibris.com and AbeBooks.com for competitive prices. Paper Trail may be able to get copies fairly quickly as can Richard Lindeborg. Order right away; shipping time is short. The reading assignment for the first session is the introduction, pp. 1-20. A description of the book and a list of the weekly reading assignments are in the August Newsletter. Class is from 9 to 9:50 a.m. on Zoom.

Samaritan House Food Donations – August– Dry milk, Oatmeal (or other dry cereals). 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 Denice Spicer, Norman and Wamoth Spicer and June and Roy Stallsmith as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1893).

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Juli Salman Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Usher Coordinator – Kevin Johnson Tech Crew: Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman, Denice Spicer

