

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, September 27

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

Tuesday, September 28

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

11:00 a.m. – Buildings & Grounds

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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

September 22, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I hope you’ll be worshipping with us on Zoom this week. We’ll be looking at the story of Jacob, whose deceit gives him the blessing intended for his twin brother Esau and who flees from his home to escape Esau’s rage. While on the road, Jacob has an encounter with God--a fitting Scripture to talk about as we explore the theme “God is [T]here”!

I want to let you know that the Re-Entry Task Force met early this week. As you know, if you are watching the number of COVID cases in New Mexico and in San Miguel County, there has been a slight decrease; I hope that decrease will be a continuing trend. But over the last few days, San Miguel has had about a dozen new cases a day, which means our number of cases per 100,000 each day is close to 55. You may remember that, as we watched this number early this year, we were looking for it to get below 8 per 100,000 in order to move in the color-coding system to turquoise, which allowed many restrictions to be lifted. Given that our numbers are still much higher than we’d like to see and our county’s vaccination rate is still under 60%, the Task Force decided that we will continue to have Zoom-only worship for another month. Again, the Task Force will re-assess at the end of October. Over these next few weeks, I encourage you to take precautions when you are out and about; wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you haven’t yet been vaccinated, make plans to do so. And encourage others to, as well. Increasing vaccination rates will make a difference!

Finally, note that a week from Sunday, on October 3, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Look for next week’s bulletin with more information about that. World Communion Sunday marks a shift from 3rd Sunday communion to 1st Sunday communion; for the rest of this year, we’ll celebrate communion on first Sundays of each month.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GOD IS [T]HERE



MEDITATION – *I don't believe an accident of birth makes people sisters or brothers. It makes them siblings, gives them mutuality of parentage. Sisterhood and brotherhood is a condition people have to work at.*

--Maya Angelou

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*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Karyl Lyne

Kevin Murphy, Church World Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:7-12)

Richard Lindeborg

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**All: If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the
darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *Come, Worship God* (GTG #386)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, 'My son'; and he answered, 'Here I am.' He said, 'See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.' ...

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am; who are you, my son?' Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.' But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' He answered, 'Because the Lord your God granted me success.' Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.' So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him...

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

SERMON

God is [T]here: With the Wayward Brother

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (GTG #722)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES

The Bible-based class for adults and youth is 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](https://www.alibris.com) and [AbeBooks.com](https://www.abebooks.com) for competitive prices. Paper Trail may be able to get copies fairly quickly as can Richard Lindeborg. The reading assignment for the Oct. 3 session is Chapters 7 and 8, pp. 151-180. A description of the book and a list of the weekly reading assignments are in the September Newsletter. Class is from 9 to 9:50 a.m. on Zoom.

Samaritan House Food Donations – September– Canned milk, canned vegetables. 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 Kathy Wentz, Bruce Wertz and Crystal K. Western Ford as well as Camino de Vida, Albuquerque, NM.

September Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379

September Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457

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