

## 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

#### Tuesday, January 18

9:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie *at Traveler's*

#### Wednesday, January 19

5:30 p.m. - Time, Talent and Treasure via Zoom



First United Presbyterian Church  
1000 Douglas Avenue  
PO Box 37  
Las Vegas NM 87701



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

January 12, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This week when we gather for worship we will be looking at the story of Jesus clearing the temple of merchants as presented in John's gospel. This story shows up in all four gospels, although in John it shows up much earlier in the story presented. And in each gospel, it takes on a slightly different angle. I encourage you to take some time and read all four versions before Sunday and to consider these questions:

1. At what point in each gospel does the story appear? What is happening in the context of Jesus' story?
2. What is/are the message(s) of each version of the story?
3. What characters show up in each story, and how might that be significant?
4. How are Jesus' words different in each version of the story? Does he seem to have a particular focus and, if so, how do those foci differ in the four gospels?

You will find the story here:

Matthew 21:12-17

Mark 11:15-19

Luke 19:45-48

John 2:13-16

Below you'll find a poem about this story, written by Anglican priest Malcolm Guite. Which version of the story do you think most inspired him?

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

*Cleansing the Temple* by Malcolm Guite\*

Come to your Temple here with liberation  
And overturn these tables of exchange  
Restore in me my lost imagination  
Begin in me for good, the pure change.  
Come as you came, an infant with your mother,  
That innocence may cleanse and claim this ground  
Come as you came, a boy who sought his father  
With questions asked and certain answers found,  
Come as you came this day, a man in anger  
Unleash the lash that drives a pathway through  
Face down for me the fear the shame the danger  
Teach me again to whom my love is due.  
Break down in me the barricades of death  
And tear the veil in two with your last breath.

\* <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2019/04/16/holy-week-tuesday-cleansing-the-temple-6/>



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701  
 January 16, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**WHO WAS THIS MAN?**

**MEDITATION** — *I am convinced that. . .in the struggle for righteousness man has cosmic companionship.*  
 --Martin Luther King, Jr.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Ann Taylor-Trujillo  
*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 127:1-2)

One: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.  
**All: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**  
 One: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;  
**All: for the Lord gives sleep to God's beloved.**  
 One: We gather now to worship God--  
**All: the God who builds our lives, guards us, and gives us peace!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (on screen)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

**SERMON**

*A Man Who Is the New Temple*

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** *Seek Ye First* (GTG #175, v. 1-3, then v. 1 in Spanish)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



**OPPORTUNITIES**

The Sunday morning class for adults and youth is discussing the book *Strength for the Journey: A Pilgrimage of Faith in Community* (1<sup>st</sup> edition 2002) by Diana Butler Bass. This series will run through February 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom at the same link as the weekly worship service. The book is available used online for \$5-\$10 including shipping, or Richard Lindeborg can order a copy delivered to you. The reading assignment for the January 23 session is Chapter 3: The Establishment (pp. 89-120).

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – January– Peanut Butter and Jelly. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**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 Carol and Ken Litherland, Christina Litherland and Nicky Litherland as well as El Buen Pastor United Presbyterian Church, Chimayo, NM (1903).

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Ann Taylor-Trujillo
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Tech Crew – Denice Spicer, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson	Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton

*January Elder of the Month –Karyl Lyne – 505-718-6475*

*January Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman –505-429-0290*

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