

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

Tuesday, February 1

7:30 a.m. - Personnel

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

Thursday, February 3

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music via Zoom

5:00 p.m. - Amnesty International via Zoom

Sunday, February 6

10:30 a.m. – Worship with Communion 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 26, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Please be reminded that we have decided to remain on Zoom-only for worship at least the next couple of weeks until the spike we are seeing in local COVID cases passes. The good news is that in places where the spike came earlier than it did here in New Mexico, those case numbers have peaked and are on their way down now. Hopefully, New Mexico will follow suit.

This Sunday in worship we will observe our fifth Sunday healing service and also will bless some prayer shawls that have been lovingly made for our Deacons to gift to folks who need them. If you would like to participate in the anointing during the healing service, please have a small bowl of water or a few drops of oil handy when you Zoom in on Sunday.

We will be looking at another well-known story from the Gospel of John this week—the story of Jesus' visit with the Samaritan woman at the well. I invite you to read the story ahead and to think about how it is similar and how it is different from last week's story about Jesus' visit with the Pharisee Nicodemus.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Head Usher – Kevin Johnson

Worship Leader – Robin Carlson

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 30, 2022

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION - *I believe it's our responsibility to show our communities the value of all people, to celebrate "different," and to take a stand for acceptance and inclusion.* —Julie Foudy

WHO WAS THIS MAN?

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Robin Carlson

*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 42:1-2)

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

All: so my soul longs for you, O God.

One: My soul thirsts for God,

All: for the living God.

One: Let us come to worship the living God,

All: the God who gives us living water!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *As the Deer* (GTG #626)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:1-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to

eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

SERMON *The Man of Whom Others Bear Witness*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

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 *I Love to Tell the Story* (GTG #462)

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* (1st 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 you a copy delivered to you. The reading assignment for the February 6 session is Chapter Five: Interim (pp 153-187).

This year's **Lenten study**, led by Pastor Katie Palmer, will use the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. Sessions will be Sundays in March from 9 to 10 a.m. The book is available new in paperback from the publisher (Abingdon) for \$18.99, from Cokesbury for \$13.99 and Amazon for \$17.69 (all plus shipping). Alibris has plenty of used copies for \$11 to \$13, and Amazon a few for as little as \$10.32 plus shipping. Electronic versions are available for \$10 to \$13. Paper Trail may also be able to order the book. If you have trouble ordering a copy, Richard Lindeborg can get one delivered to you for \$17.69 including shipping.



FUPC has a tradition of contributing to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Because of Covid precautions, this year we will just collect donations to be passed on to Samaritan House. Contribute on our website (lvpresbyterian.org) by locating the Souper Bowl section or send in a check with "Souper Bowl" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued giving to our community!

Samaritan House Food Donations – February– Pasta and Sauce. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7th 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 Gail Malley, Lorenzo Martinez and Maridell and Don Monnheimer as well as Embudo Presbyterian Church, Dixon, NM (1889).

February Elder of the Month - D.R. Palmer 303-775-7259

February Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper –505-429-0285

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