

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 15

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

Wednesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 17

7:30 a.m. - Personnel via Zoom

Saturday, February 19

Presbytery meeting 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.

February 9, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday brings us to the first of what are known as Jesus' "predicated I Am sayings" in the gospel of John. Throughout this gospel, Jesus uses the term "I Am" to identify himself. In fact, in the story of Jesus' visit with the woman at the well, which we looked at a couple of weeks ago, he identifies himself as "I Am," just as God identifies Godself to Moses at the burning bush as "I Am." The woman tells Jesus that she knows a Messiah is coming; in the original Greek, Jesus responds to her by saying, "I am, the one who is speaking to you." Our NRSV translation adds the word "he" so that Jesus' response is "I am he, the one who is speaking to you," but that's not in the original text. In the gospel of John, Jesus uses this term more than once. He also uses the term with a noun (for you grammar nerds out there, with a predicate) seven times. The first of these is "I am the bread of life," which we will talk about this week. As you prepare for worship on Sunday, I invite you to spend some time thinking about what it means for Jesus to be bread. One way we think of Jesus as bread is, of course, in the eucharist; on communion Sundays when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we eat bread that is for us Jesus' spiritual presence; we eat as we hear the words, "the body of Christ, given for you; the bread of new life." In what other ways do you think of Jesus as the bread of life?

This Sunday we will also wish Gail Malley farewell by presenting her with bread for the journey. Gail will be moving to Colorado later this month to be closer to some of Bernie's family. Gail's new home will be in Longmont, less than a mile from where D.R. and I used to live. We will miss Gail, and we wish her well in her new home.

Remember that we will worship on Zoom again this week; see you online!

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

P.S. Can you identify the other six predicated I Am sayings in the gospel of John?

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Renee Soderlund
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson	Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton

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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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

February 13, 2022 10:30 a.m.

WHO WAS THIS MAN?

MEDITATION - *There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.* – Mahatma Gandhi

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE Renee Soderlund

*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 (from Psalm 34:1-3, 8)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* (GTG #770)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35-59

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is

true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

SERMON *The Man Who Feeds Us*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY Farewell to Gail Malley Em Krall

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 *Send Me Jesus* (GTG #746)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES

We will hold the **Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship on Sunday, March 6, for the purpose of considering changes to our by-laws to allow for online meetings and voting and to approve the pastor's terms of call. Please mark your calendars!



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!

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 Feb. 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 20 session is Chapter Seven: The Household of God (pp.223-260).

This year's Lenten study, led by Pastor Katie, will use the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. The class will meet March 6, 13, & 20 and April 3 & 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom. No class March 27. 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.

Attention: It's **Girl Scout Cookie** time again. Every year, don't we all love the chance to eat a cookie and support our Girl Scouts! First United Presbyterian Church hosts a small Girl Scout group, with ages from 6-12. You can help support their activities with your purchase of cookies. Doing this online is the simplest.

<https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/zia717694>. Use the link so your purchase will be credited to our local group. If you prefer, you can also call the leader, Brenda Ortiz, 505-426-4473, and she can take your order.

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 Katie and D.R. Palmer, Lydia Palomino and Bob and Carrol Pearson as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gallup, NM (1961).