

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

Monday, February 21

Church Office Closed – Presidents Day Holiday

Tuesday, February 22

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

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and 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.

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

D.R. and I are taking time for a brief getaway this weekend. FUPC will again be welcoming Rev. Linda Loving to our virtual pulpit.

Linda most recently has served as Stated Supply Pastor in Dixon and as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. She moved to Santa Fe six years ago, "Honorably Retired" after serving Presbyterian churches around the country. Since 1989 she has also traveled widely performing JULIAN, a one-woman drama about the medieval mystic; she also filmed it in Julian's cell. Four years ago Linda published the book A New Song to Sing: Breast Cancer as Journey of Spirit (www.Spirited-Voices.com for more information). May we all feel the stream of God's love and renewal; may we soak it in and rejoice!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Linda C. Loving

Worship Leader – Beth Urech

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Zoom Host – Carol Linder

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 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.

WHO WAS THIS MAN?

MEDITATION – *Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters* - Isaiah 55:1a

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Beth Urech

PRELUDE Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will sing of mercy and justice,

People: For mercy and justice are praises befitting God.

Leader: We will follow the way of mercy and justice, for it is the way to peace.

People: And on the seventh day peace was created; this is our Sabbath, the day of peace, the aim of creation.

Leader: Thanks be to God! Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (GTG #624)

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*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Gracious God,

You have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit

so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, the ways of death have a strong attraction
and at times we succumb to their lure.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

SERMON *There is No Other Stream* Rev. Linda C. Loving

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (GTG #792)

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 final session February 27 is Conclusion: Pentecost (pp. 261-284).

This year's Lenten study, led by Pastor Katie Palmer, will use the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. The class meets on March 6, 13, 20 and April 3 & 10 from 9 to 10 a.m.; 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 Duffy Peterson, Caroline Rackley and Kent and Debra Reid as well as First Presbyterian Church, Grants, NM (1929).