

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, April 12

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Travelers

Wednesday, April 13

2:00 p.m. - JOT

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday – Please take a moment to observe this day on which we remember Jesus' humble act of service to the disciples by washing their feet

9:00 a.m. – Community Life via Zoom

Friday, April 15

5:30 p.m. – Good Friday service

Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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WELCOME!! - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week.

April 6, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

We enter into Holy Week on Sunday, which is Palm Sunday. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the final time, when people stood along the street waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna to the King." Others lined the street with palms or with their cloaks in recognition of who they believed Jesus was. But the support for him faded quickly. Jesus went from hailed one to condemned one. No one waved palms, lined the path with cloaks, or shouted Hosannas as Jesus walked his way to Golgotha.

Perhaps that is why I think it's so important for us to gather during Holy Week—here at FUPC, on Good Friday evening—to walk the way with Jesus to the cross. Scripture tells us that most of Jesus' followers deserted him once he was arrested and condemned. His disciples scattered or hid. We read that some of the women in his life watched him die, crying and praying for him, but they were few. What might have happened if the crowd had not turned against him, had continued to stand with him, had voiced their support for him? He, rather than Barabbas, might have been the one to be released. The message would have been, "Don't release the bandit; release the one who is innocent, the one who stands for justice."

As I've said before, people often tell me that they don't like to attend the Good Friday service because it is so sad, and I get that. And I have replied that we need to walk with Jesus to the cross so that we can better appreciate the resurrection and the joy it brings. But I have realized that the real reason I encourage folks to attend this sad service is this: No one in this congregation would say to an ill or dying friend, "I don't want to spend time with you because it's just too sad for me." But it seems like avoiding the observance of the road to the cross is saying to Jesus, "You know, I don't want to be with you through the sad parts, but I'll see you Sunday morning when everything is happy, with bunnies and colored eggs and flowers." Walking the path with Jesus on Good Friday is perhaps a way to ponder whether we would have stood with Jesus if we had been his followers 2000 years ago when others deserted him.

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 – Beth Urech

Accompanist – Em Krall

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman

Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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April 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION -- *Remember ... that the ashes that were on your forehead [on Ash Wednesday] are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.*
—Richard Rohr

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
PASSING OF THE PEACE Beth Urech

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ*

INTROIT *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (GTG #182)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (John 12:12-17)

One: The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting:

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!

One: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

All: Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!

One: His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.

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***OPENING HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (GTG #196)

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly,

I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

Drawing All People

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bean Soup from Community Life

Nina Johns

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN, PART I** *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd* (GTG #200, v. 1-3)

***CLOSING SCRIPTURE:** John 12:36b-37

After . . . this, Jesus departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him.

[Not long after, he was arrested and crucified.]

***CLOSING HYMN, PART II** *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd* (GTG #200, v. 4-5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able



OPPORTUNITIES

This week is Holy Week. Please consider giving Jesus the honor of your presence at the Good Friday service at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and plan to join us to celebrate the Resurrection during worship next Sunday.

The Worship and Music Committee is excited to be back in the sanctuary (as well as online!) for Easter this year, and we need your help. If you'll be worshipping in the sanctuary, **we invite you to bring pots of flowers** of every kind and color to worship on Easter, April 17. Bring tulips, daffodils, lilies, whatever pleases you. We will process to the front and fill the chancel with beautiful flowers as symbols of God's abundant grace and the risen Christ! Please put your name on the pot so you can easily find it afterward to take home to enjoy. Thanks for your help!

There will be no Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth on April 17.

The class for Adults and Youth will start a new series on April 24 with discussion of the book *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. The sessions, led by Karyl Lyne and Richard Lindeborg, will run through June 12 on Zoom or, it is hoped, in hybrid from 9 to 10 a.m. The books are available second hand in hardback or paperback from Amazon (for \$5-10 including shipping) or on Kindle (for \$7.99) or other online dealers such as Alibris and Abebooks. Paper Trail may be able to order a copy. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy delivered directly to you for no shipping charge. The reading assignment for the first-class session on April 24 is Chapters 1-3, pp. 11-42.

Lenten Devotionals, written by FUPC members, are available on Facebook and on our website. Devotional writers are Murl Baker, Richard Lindeborg, D.R. Palmer, Renee Soderlund, Beth Urech and Sharon Vander Meer.

During **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world by supporting three key missions with a special offering received during Lent. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, "works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees." The **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, which receives 36% of the funds raised, "takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed." **Self-Development of People**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, "invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impacts of these issues." Please consider giving generously to OGHS. The needs are great.

Related to OGHS, the Presbyterian Hunger Program has put together a "**Tread Lightly for Lent**" **Daily reflection-action calendar** to help us during Lent to slow down and become mindful of our individual and collective impact on the world and to explore ways we can move towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. You can download the calendar from the PCUSA website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>.

Don't toss out that glass! The Community Life Committee, in cooperation with a local glass crushing venture and our landscaping committee, will collect your glass bottles and jars, colored or clear, for the months of April and May for a landscaping project. If you can wash them and get the labels off, it is appreciated. We will have a few boxes at the church for collection, and are willing to come pick up your glass from you. Call Pam at 505-429-3053 to arrange for pickup.

During April, the **Mission & Peacemaking Committee will join Amnesty International USA** in the "Interfaith Month of Action for Refugee Rights". Actions will focus on the equal rights of all refugees fleeing danger to seek safety in the U.S., regardless of color, and to end detention of asylum-seekers in ICE prisons. Each week we will give suggested actions in the Bulletin and Happenings, and encourage members of our faith community to take action to make U.S. policies more humane.

Samaritan House Food Donations – April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entrée. 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 Ann and Andy Taylor-Trujillo, Maxine (Gordy) Thatcher and Karen Topping and Rod Billingsley as well as Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Penasco, NM (1881).

April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder 505-429-2139

April Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer –505-617-0839

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