

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, April 18**

Church Holiday; Church office closed

**Tuesday, April 19**

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

**Wednesday, April 20**

5:30 p.m. – Time, Talent & 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.

April 13, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

On Sunday we will gather together to shout “Christ is risen!” Hearing the voice of the risen Christ who calls us to new life, we will in turn raise our voices to claim that new and abundant life. Thanks be to God!

We will celebrate the resurrection to new life especially in the Lord's supper. If you will be joining us online, please have a bite of something to eat and something to drink with you.

If you will be joining us in the sanctuary, we invite you to bring a pot of spring flowers to help adorn the sanctuary—daffodils, tulips, lilies, whatever you like—in wonderful spring colors! There will be an opportunity for you to bring these flowers forward. Everyone in the sanctuary will adorn our Easter cross with flowers.

I share with you today the poem “Spring” by Mary Oliver. (I believe she has more than one poem called “Spring.”) I hope that it makes you feel the joy of Easter.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

***Spring*** by Mary Oliver

Faith is the instructor.  
We need no other.

Guess what I am, he says in his incomparably lovely  
Young-man voice. Because I love the world I think of grass.  
I think of leaves and the bold sun, I think of the rushes  
In the black marshes just coming back from under the pure white

And now finally melting stubs of snow.  
Whatever we know or don't know

Leads us to say:  
Teacher, what do you mean?  
But faith is still there, and silent.

Then he who owns the incomparable voice suddenly flows upward  
And out of the room and I follow, obedient and happy.

Of course, I am thinking the Lord was once young and will never in fact be old.

And who else could this be, who goes off down the green path,  
Carrying his sandals, and singing?

**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 – Van Swan  
Accompanist – Em Krall  
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman  
Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
April 17, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** -- *The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of the old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking.* --Deepak Chopra

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### IN THE GARDEN

Karyl Lyne

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Katie Palmer

#### \*OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Em Krall

*During the Prelude, please bring your potted plants forward to adorn the chancel and come forward to add flowers to the cross.*

*If you have monetary offerings, you can leave them in the plate at the back of the sanctuary, send a check to the church office, or donate online through the church website.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN *Christ Is Alive!* (GTG #246)

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Van Swan

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

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*We remember that, no matter what, we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy*

#### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious and Holy God, as we celebrate today the new life we have because you offered yourself for us, because you showed us that radical love is the only way to abundant life, we give you thanks. Our sins and shortcomings are many and, with your help, we will strive to live into the new life we've been given. But today we focus not on those things, but on things of love and abundance and joy; we focus on your love for us. Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-21

When it was evening on that day [after Mary saw Jesus in the garden], the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

#### SERMON

*God's Voice Sends Us Out*

Rev. Katie Palmer

### WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

(adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Gord Waldie at <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2012/03/easter-communion-liturgy.html>)

#### INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is now! **All: Alleluia!**

One: We gather at the table to share in the feast Christ has prepared for us!

**All: Here we meet with all who share with us the hope to build Christ's kingdom!**

One: All who want to follow Christ's voice are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

**All: Let us eat together.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We should give thanks!

**All: Thanks and praise to the one who brings life!**

One: Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias, we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb, we give thanks for the gifts of life—life that breaks the bonds of death.

**All: We voice praise for the world you have given us, for the beauty of the earth, for the glorious people you have made for us to love.**

One: As the spring deepens and the earth thaws, as green breaks through the brown of winter,

**All: we know hope for new life springing from dead soil, for the promise held in every seed that is sown.**

One: As people of faith, we remember all those who have gone before—

**All: We remember the women who first voiced the news of resurrection and the disciples whose fear kept them hidden until the voice of the risen Christ called them "ones whom God would send out."**

One: We remember those, named and unnamed, who have embraced Your hope, and moved into a new life.

**All: And we trust that in remembering and retelling their stories, we too can leap into new life.**

One: Among those memories, we hold dear the life of a special one—Jesus.

**All: Born of a woman, he grew to adulthood among those who struggled daily for life. Baptized by John, he embraced the life to which You called him.**

One: He used his voice to call us to him, to teach and preach a vision of a world where all divisions were broken down, where all had what they needed for abundant life, where Your reign was as real on earth as in heaven.

**All: And though the powerful in his world fought back, he stood strong.**

One: Offered a chance to turn away from suffering, he overcame his troubled soul and stood firm in his commitment to Your people.

**All: Even though they put him to death, You raise him to life, vindicating his vision and bringing hope and healing to the world.**

One: As inheritors of that hope, we raise our voices in recognition and proclamation:

**All: Hosanna Holy One! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: As we gather at this table, we remember a story told mere days ago, and yet also an age ago.

**All: We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an upper room to share supper, and while sharing the meal together, he called them to remember God's promises of fullness.**

#### INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

One: *Institution of the Elements*

And so we break the bread and pour the cup and we proclaim:

**All: On this Easter Day, we recognize the voice of Jesus and hear the call to abundant life!**

One: God of life, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the water

**All: calling forth life, creating, and inspiring.**

One: Send your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and juice with the Spirit's power.

**All: As we eat and drink may we feel the power of Resurrection life, the fulfillment of hope, and the joy of the empty tomb.**

One: Christ who died is now alive!

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward to receive the bread and take a cup and return to your seat.  
If you are online, please hold your food and drink until all have been served. We will eat and drink together.*

**One:** Here at this table we break the Bread of Life and drink the Cup of Blessings. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

*We eat and drink.*

## **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All:** **We have eaten, we have drunk, we have embraced the new life given to us in Christ. Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of your kingdom. May the meal we have shared today attune us to hear the voice of the Christ in our lives and prompt us to raise our own voices for love, truth, and justice. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Now the Green Blade Rises* (GTG #247)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able



## OPPORTUNITIES

**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 19 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 is Chapters 1-3, pp. 11-42.

Remember: today is the last day to contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing. 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.

**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.

Remember! There are **hearing assist devices available at the AV Center** for use during worship for those who need them. First come, first served. Just ask one of the tech crew members.

**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 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 Tom Trigg and Mary Schipper, Bonnie and Art Trujillo and Diego, Connie, Arthur, Carolina and Celina Trujillo as well as Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, Placitas, NM (1894).

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

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

*Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

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