

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 5**

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Travelers Cafe  
3:00 p.m. - Mission and Peacemaking via Zoom

**Wednesday, April 6**

12:00 p.m. - Unity Orchard via Zoom

**Thursday, April 7**

9:30 a.m. - Worship and Music  
5:00 p.m. - Amnesty International

**Friday, April 8**

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Food Distribution at OTMCC

**Sunday, April 10**

10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship



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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.

March 30, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday our Scripture reading takes us to that courtyard in which Peter denies Jesus, denies being a disciple, denies the identity he has so vehemently proclaimed earlier. It is painful for us to read about, perhaps because we can relate. We'll be talking about what this denial meant for Peter, and what it means for us.

We will also come together around the Lord's Table to share in Christ's feast. If you will be worshipping with us online, please have a bite of something to eat and a drink with you when you Zoom in.

As we move more deeply into this Lenten season, I hope that you are taking some time for yourself each day to ponder the season. The Lenten devotionals that you can find on our website and Facebook page were written by folks in our church family and have been helpful in reminding me to pause and to think about how I might live more fully. They also remind us that we each bring our own approach to devotionals—some use Scripture and prayer, some personal experience, some music or books that have been inspirational. Thanks for those who prepared these devotionals for us. If you've missed them, you can find them on our website and read them from the beginning. So far, we have seen devotionals from Sharon Vander Meer, Murl Baker, Renee Soderlund, and D.R. Palmer. In coming weeks, Richard Lindeborg and Beth Urech will offer devotionals.

Each Sunday, we also have an opportunity to fill in a thought bubble that expresses the things that we know (or are discovering) keep us from hearing Jesus' voice as clearly as we might. Some of the thought bubbles you'll see on the table are quite specific and personal to whomever wrote them. Others are more general and may represent a broader experience; for example, many of us know how our egos or our anxieties can block our ears from hearing Jesus' voice.

I am grateful for your willingness to share some of the things that are stumbling blocks on your spiritual journey because it helps all of us understand that, in our desire to follow Jesus' voice, we deal with noise that competes for our attention. As Bishop Jake Owensby, author of our Lenten study book *Looking for God in Messy Places*, writes, "To follow Jesus is to be an imperfect sign of God's perfect love."

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher - Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader - Peter Linder
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist - Em Krall
Office Manager - Crystal Western Ford	Tech Crew - Karyl Lyne, Carol Linder, Jeff Salman
Head Usher - Kevin Johnson	Sanctuary Design - Charlotte Wootton



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
 April 3, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION --** *How often it is that the angry man rages denial of what his inner self is telling him.*  
 --Frank Herbert

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Peter Linder  
*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** (adapted from Psalm 17 in Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

One: Listen to my heart, O God! Heed my prayer from lips that utter truth.

**All: For in you I seek justice! Allow me to see with clarity!**

One: My only desire is to draw closer to you

**All: For I see the injustice and the oppression piercing the hearts of your people.**

One: Be my feet that I might walk along your pathways.

**All: Wondrously show your steadfast love; Walk beside me giving me the strength to face the fears within.**

One: Let us worship the God who walks with us!

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Here in This Place* (GTG #401)

**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 18:12-27

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman

said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.'

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' Jesus answered, 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

**SERMON** *Denial at Dawn* Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE SEAL GOD'S WORD**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We give thanks for our invitation to feast at Christ's table!*

**INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**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** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (GTG #835)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able

## OPPORTUNITIES



**The Mobile Food Pantry** supplied by the Food Depot in Santa Fe begins Friday, April 8. We will distribute food each 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Old Town Mission Community Center parking lot. Volunteers are needed to get boxes into cars and distribute produce and dairy products. To volunteer, contact Karyl Lyne ASAP.

**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.

**Our Lenten study**, led by Pastor Katie Palmer, uses the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. Sessions will conclude on April 10. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on the same link as Sunday worship. The reading assignment is Part V, “Faith, Hope, and Friendship with God” (pp. 105 – 133). Electronic versions of the book are available for \$10 to \$13. A new paperback with 2-3 day shipping is \$17.69 + 3.99. If you prefer, Richard Lindeborg can get one delivered directly with free shipping.

**The Sunday morning bible-based 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.

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.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entree. 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 June and Roy Stallsmith, Jeremiah Street and Van Swan as well as First Presbyterian Church, Mora, NM (1883).

*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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