

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, May 2**

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds

**Tuesday, May 3**

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

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

**Thursday, May 5**

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music via Zoom

**Friday, May 6**

1:00 p.m. - Renewal Worship Leaders



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**WELCOME!!** - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week.

April 27, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Sunday is May 1<sup>st</sup>—May Day. When I was a child, I loved May Day, when we would pick spring flowers from the yard and leave them in old jars or cans filled with water on neighbors' doorsteps. You could say that those were tracks I made as a young person--perhaps tracks that some elderly neighbors appreciated; certainly tracks that left fond memories of good feelings received from giving without expectation of return.

As we enter May, we enter into a time of congregational renewal, which begins formally on May 14 with our first renewal event, funded by the generous Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal grant. This event, a workshop in two parts by John Stokes, founder of The Tracking Project, will help us learn about and experience outdoor tracking and how it can be a spiritual discipline as we enter into our time of "Tracking the Word: Embodying the Spirit." Part I of the workshop will allow John to teach us about tracking in an outdoor setting (exact location/time to be announced soon); Part II will take place in the church, where John will help us see connections between tracking and spirituality. We hope to see you on the trail, but if you are unable to do the outdoor portion of the event, please join us for the indoor portion of the event.

As for this Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be starting to think in terms of tracking, talking specifically about some of the tracks that FUPC has left in this community and beyond during its 150 years. Why do those tracks matter? What legacy have they left? I'd like to encourage you all to think about your earliest memories as part of this church. For some of you, those memories will be decades old; for others, only a few years. What was the "track" that led you here?

We will also have communion on Sunday, so if you will be joining us via Zoom, please plan to have something to eat and drink with you, knowing that Christ's table is not confined to the sanctuary, but reaches all who seek God.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer          | Worship Leader – Ann Taylor-Trujillo            |
| Director of Music - Karyl Lyne        | Accompanist – Em Krall                          |
| Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford | Tech Crew – Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Van Swan |
| Head Usher – Kevin Johnson            | Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton            |

*May Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu - 505-429-3053*

*May Deacon of the Month – Rosie Lopez –505-429-6420*

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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
May 1, 2022 10:30 a.m.



**Tracking the Word**

**MEDITATION** – *No one can pass through life, any more than [they] can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after [them] in finding their way.*

--Robert Baden-Powell

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Ann Taylor-Trujillo

*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** (adapted from Psalm 73:24-28)

One: God guides us with holy counsel

**All: and gives us strength.**

One: It is good for us to be near God!

**All: God is our refuge; we proclaim the works we have done with God's guidance!**

One: Let us praise the God in whose works we rejoice!

**\*OPENING HYMN** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* (GTG #308)

**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*

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**SERMON** *Goods Works Begun*

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**

We come now to the table to which Christ invites us—the table at which all are welcome that marks Christ's grace and generosity. It is the table at which we arrive when we seek to follow Jesus; it is the table at which we are invited to come and see God's steadfast love for all people. At this table, we find what we are looking for and we are filled!

The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the God of all creation! Gracious God, we thank you for being a God who tracks your people in order to show them your love and your path to abundant life.

**You provide the beauty of creation and within it, the things we need for our bodies and our souls. You have always shown your people the way by sending prophets, teachers, and communities in which to share life.**

Even when your people did not follow, you persisted; you did not give up on us.

**Indeed, you sent Jesus to live among us, that we might learn to trust and follow him in order to learn how to love one another.**

We have learned that those who track Jesus find welcome and an invitation to "come and see" where he abides.

**Jesus' tracks lead us to the poor and neglected; to the marginalized and oppressed. They lead us to community, to mutual concern and respect. They lead us to acceptance and love and to the challenge to live as he lived.**

Jesus' tracks, too, lead to a cross on which he was crucified for us.

**In his crucifixion, he showed us that power, greed and injustice do not rule the world, and that the world is saved through love, humility, and a passion for justice for all people.**

And those same tracks lead us to an empty tomb.

**They lead us to proclaim that Christ is risen! They lead us to know the hope of new life for all of us!**

We give thanks that, in your love for us, you trust us to lead others to you.

**We know that others will follow the tracks we leave as we follow Christ. We know those tracks lead to the abundant life we celebrate at this table today, where our spirits are filled and nourished.**

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this juice, that they may become for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, we pray as we offer our thanks to you, almighty God. **Amen.**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, God of Love, that you have led us to this table, where we come in community with your people from all over the world to have our spirits filled. We ask that as we leave this table, we continue to follow where you lead, to make tracks of self-giving and service in your name, and that, wherever we go, we share your hope, love, and joy. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**REMEMBERING OUR TRACKS**

Rudy Laumbach

**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** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (GTG #761)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able



## Congregational Renewal Event with Tracker John Stokes on Saturday, May 14

Our Congregational Renewal is about to begin! Your task force on the renewal activities and planning for guest preachers, workshops, potlucks, and fellowship opportunities has been meeting for many months to bring this time of renewal to life. The activities planned over the 17-week period of the renewal time for our congregation, while Pastor Katie is on sabbatical having her own time of renewal, will offer many opportunities to experience new things, try different activities, worship in non-traditional ways, and participate with some dynamic guests to our pulpit.

The first of these guests is John Stokes, who will be here on May 14 and May 15. John Stokes, Director of The Tracking Project in Corrales, NM, will lead us in a two-part workshop focusing on how we can learn to track ourselves and our spirituality, as individuals and as a church community. Tracking anything involves keen and thoughtful observation – observation that is a catalyst for the tracker to be able to envision what has taken place and make a reasonable prediction about what will take place next.

On Saturday afternoon, May 14, there will be two opportunities to look at the skills of Tracking and Nature Awareness as they apply to the tracks on the ground in Nature — techniques of quieting the Mind, slow movement and using the light. The first workshop (1:00 – 3:00) will take place outdoors and the second workshop (3:30 – 5:30) will be in Perea Hall at FUPC. Please plan to join us for both!

Then on Sunday morning, May 15, John will give a sermon on **Paying Attention to our Tracks — What Path Have I Been Following?** His sermon will address how we can apply these awareness skills to look at the quality of attention we bring to our life. He will open with Ohe´n:ton Karihwatéhkwen, the Opening Words from the Iroquois Confederacy.

John Stokes, founder & Director of The Tracking Project, Inc. in Corrales, New Mexico, is a well-known musician, performer, writer and teacher of tracking. Since 1980 he has worked and traveled extensively in his efforts to bring awareness of the natural world and the integrity of indigenous peoples to interested people around the world.

The worship service will be followed by our first potluck in over two years! Be thinking about what favorite dish you would like to bring to the potluck to share with our congregation. Community Life will provide the beverages.



## OPPORTUNITIES

**The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth** is discussing 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 in hybrid from 9 to 10 a.m. Those wishing to join in person are invited to meet in the upstairs conference room. The books are available second-hand in hardback or paperback from Amazon (for \$5-10 including shipping) or on Kindle (for \$7.99) or through 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 May 8 class is Ch. 6-8, pp. 75-107.

**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. There will be two workdays to remove labels from the glass bottles on Thursday May 19 (Thursday) from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and again on June 4 (Saturday) from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Perea Hall. Please come if you are able to help with this!

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** – May - Rice and beans. 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 Gay Veit, Jane Warsaw and Maria Weinrich as well as First Presbyterian Church, Raton, NM (1885).