

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 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 30**

Memorial Day – Church office closed

**Tuesday, May 31**

9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Traveler's

**Thursday, June 2**

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

5:30 p.m. – Amnesty International

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – “Come Play” Bingo

**Sunday, June 5**

10:30 a.m. – Pentecost worship: wear colors of flame!

**Please check with committee chairs to confirm whether committees will meet as scheduled.**



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

May 25, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I dated this note, I realized anew how much impact the fires have had on all of us. May 25 was the day earmarked for the beginning of my sabbatical, following what would have been the launch of our collective time of renewal; last Sunday would have been the commissioning of all of us to go forward into this adventure. Of course, the impact of the fire has changed that, and instead we will be focusing on what we can do here and now to bolster our community. Our other plans will wait until next year while we pour our energies into doing what we can for evacuees and for each other; all of us are still reeling from the scope of this fire and grieving various losses, from the loss of homes and tangible signs of family history to the loss of landscape and the loss of comfort with how the world works.

One way we will reach out to the community is to offer a bit of respite from reality. Beginning on June 2, our newly-formed Recovery Task Force will be holding weekly gatherings each Thursday evening to provide a place for evacuees, community members, and our church family to come together, have some fun, and share conversation. We hope it will be a way for people to escape the evacuation center for a while, to forget the news for a couple of hours, and to instead enjoy some light-hearted fun, develop relationships, and have a place to talk. The first gathering will be an evening of Bingo. So plan to come and join us from 6 – 8 p.m. on Thursdays in Perea Hall, and encourage others you know to join us. If you would like to be involved in making these events happen, please contact one of the task force members: Pam Abreu, Pat Halverson, Karyl Lyne, Lorenzo Martinez, Renee Soderlund, Linda Solyntjes, Sharon VanderMeer, or me.

As for worship, this Sunday we will talk about some of the praise psalms that close the book of Psalms. We will also share a healing service, so please have a bit of oil or water with you if you'd like to share in the anointing.

We plan to return to hybrid worship on Sunday, June 5, which is Pentecost. Wear those Pentecost colors that day, and remember that, sometimes, flames are an energizing, spiritually potent force, rather than a destructive one.

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

Worship Leader – Mary Schipper

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
May 29, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** – *What's closest to your heart is what you talk about, and if God is close to your heart, you'll talk about [God].* –Aiden Wilson Tozer

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Mary Schipper

*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 146:5-7)

One: Happy are those whose help and hope are in the Lord their God.

**All: Happy are those whose hope is in the God who made heaven, earth, the sea, and all that is in them!**

One: Our God keeps faith forever, opening our senses to the holy presence.

**All: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.  
Let us praise God!**

**OPENING HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (GTG #451)

**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**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose mercy we sometimes forget: Cleanse us from our offenses and deliver us from those things that separate us from you. Let us with humble hearts draw near to you, trusting in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 147:1a, 3-7

Praise the Lord! . . .

He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**MESSAGE**

*From the Stars to Your Heart*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL**

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

**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** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (GTG #20)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth** will resume its discussion of the book *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancey on June 5. The sessions, led by Karyl Lyne and Richard Lindeborg, will run through June 19 on Zoom for now 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 June 5 is Ch. 14-15, pp. 177-210.

**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. Please save your glass until we are able to be physically back in the church building.

**COME PLAY – RELAX & RECHARGE** at a free **Bingo Party, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 2** at First United Presbyterian Church in Perea Hall. Prizes and family fun. This event is open to our church family and the public. Masks are recommended, but not required. For more information contact 505-425-7763.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – June – Flour and Sugar. 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 Charlotte Wootton and Susan Apodaca, Pam Abreu and Deb and Kent Reid as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1893).

*June Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg - 505-426-5821*

*June Deacon of the Month - Bonnie Trujillo –505-425-3972*

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

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