

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, July 4

Holiday – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

7:30 a.m. - Personnel

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

3:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

Thursday, July 7

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

6:00 p.m. - "Come Play" Bingo

Friday, July 8

9:30 a.m. – Food Distribution, Rodriguez Park

Saturday, July 9

11:00 a.m. – Patrick Rucker Memorial Service



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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.

June 29, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As we come to worship this Independence Day weekend, we celebrate our nation even as we realize it is in need of deep healing. This Sunday's worship service will offer a litany of healing for our nation as we recognize the hurts on its landscape and among its people and pray for God's healing touch.

We will also come together at the Lord's table to feast on the communion meal Christ provides. If you will be worshipping online, please plan to have a bit of something to eat and something to drink with you for this meal.

As we enter into July, we will continue to invite the Work of the Spirit into our sanctuary and into our lives.

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

Usher – Kevin Johnson

Worship Leader – Carol Litherland

Accompanist – Em Krall

Tech Crew – Pablo Hernandez, Judy Long, Van Swan

Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701
July 3, 2022 10:30 a.m.

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

MEDITATION: *We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it.* – William Faulkner

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE Carol Litherland

*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 24)

One: The earth is the Lord's

All: And all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

One: Who shall stand in God's holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hearts; those who do not lift their souls to what is false.
They will receive blessing—those who seek the face of God to guide them.**

One: Let us come to God in worship!

OPENING HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (GTG #331)

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

Creator God, on this Independence Day weekend, we celebrate the freedom of our nation, but forget that so many are not free. We are burdened by a past that brought harm and oppression to indigenous peoples, to people of color, to women. Set us free from this past that cannot change—free to seek forgiveness from you and from those harmed in the past. We are burdened by a present that still hurts so many in a nation said to offer freedom. Homelessness, poverty, and hunger weigh on us. Divisions of race, gender, and wealth continue to create inequalities. We learn day by day that our “land of plenty” is not, in fact, a land for everyone and not a land that seeks everyone's welfare. Forgive us our complicity in accepting the status quo. Open us to a future in which we use the courage and strength of your Spirit to follow your path in making our land a place of freedom, love, and justice. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-11

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

MESSAGE *The Fast that Heals*

Rev. Katie Palmer

HYMN OF RESPONSE *In an Age of Twisted Values* (GTG #345)

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 *Live Into Hope* (GTG #772)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us at the “**Come Play**” on Thursday evening, July 7, from 6 – 8 p.m. in Perea Hall for Bingo! We invite you to be part of this time to gather together in community, play some games, and talk with one another! Please invite others who might need some play time with friends!

There will be a **Celebration of Life service for Patrick Casseday Rucker** on Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m., in the sanctuary at First United Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas, N.M. Following this service, there will be a party at 89 Roadrunner Road, Las Vegas, N.M. Lunch will be served with plenty of time to share stories about Patrick, reminisce, laugh, and enjoy each other’s company. Please let Karyl Lyne know if you will be able to come so that there is plenty of food to eat and beverages to consume.

The **Food Depot Mobile Food Pantry** is scheduled to be at Rodriguez Park on July 8 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to load the food from the pallets into the cars, and should plan to be at Rodriguez Park at 9 a.m. for training and work assignments. Contact Karyl Lyne for more information at 505-718-6475.

First United Presbyterian Church has scheduled a **Celebration of Creation** including a virtual blessing of the animals on Sunday, July 10. Please submit photos of your pet with the pet’s name and if you like, your last name. Please send them to D.R. Palmer at pathfarer@gmail.com no later than July 6th. We invite the whole community to join us for this service.

The Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth will start a new discussion series July 10 led by John Arnold and based on the book *The Lost Sutras of Jesus: Unblocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Xian Monks* by Ray Riegert and Thomas Moore. Classes are at 9 a.m. on Zoom, and may well be live from the 2nd floor teleconference room.

The book is available from Alibris new for as little as \$2.99 and used for as little as \$.99 plus shipping, used from AbeBooks for as little as \$2.50 to \$6.50 plus shipping, and new in paperback from Amazon for \$9.84 plus shipping or used for under \$6.00 including shipping. Paper Trail may be able to order a copy. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy delivered directly to you for no shipping charge.

The first session will be an introduction to Early Christianity in the Middle East and Far East. The reading assignment for July 17 is Part 1 of the book, titled Wisdom from a Cave – pp. 1-42.

To donate to **New Mexico wildfire recovery efforts**, please see the following links:

The Food Depot: <https://thefooddepot.org/disaster-relief/>

Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation: <https://www.lvnmc.org/donate-now/>

Samaritan House Food Donations – July – Soup (any kind). 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 Lin Chibante, Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto and Linda Cunningham as well as Camino de Vida, Albuquerque, NM.

July Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-429-0923

July Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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