

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**

**Tuesday, August 16**

7:00 p.m. – Session's Triennial Visit with COM Liaisons via Zoom

**Wednesday, August 17**

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

**Thursday, August 18**

6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure via Zoom



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

August 10, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I am enjoying the dramatic readings from the book of Ruth. Having readers voice different characters helps us see the story better, I think. Thanks to everyone who has read and who will be reading those voices from Ruth.

This week, we see Ruth take quite a bold step at Naomi's suggestion—bold, I think, even by today's standards. We'll be thinking about what Ruth's boldness tells us about what it might mean to follow in God's way.

On another note, I want to invite all of you to consider joining me some Wednesday at Coffee with Katie, 8:30 a.m. at Charlie's. You may come for a cup of coffee, or plan to also have a pastry or breakfast, as many of us do. We had a nice group of five around the table recently. It's a great way to get to know one another! We tell stories about ourselves, ask questions about one another, and sometimes talk about a question of theology or justice. You will remember (I hope) that I recently talked about the word "companion" meaning "with bread." Coffee with Katie is a good time to share companionship in the true spirit of the word—being together while breaking bread. No agenda, just hanging out together. I hope to see you there sometime!

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie





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August 14, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## **A JOURNEY WITH RUTH AND NAOMI**

**MEDITATION** – *Maintaining hope in hard times is about remembering that the harder things are, the more important and more useful it is to assemble even scraps of hope to help us make it to better days.*

--Paul Wesselmann

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

Em Krall

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Renee Soderlund

*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 101:1-6)

One: I will sing of loyalty and of justice to you, O Lord.

**All: I will sing.**

One: I will study the way that is blameless.

**All: I will study.**

One: I will walk with integrity of heart.

**All: I will walk.**

One: I will look with favor on the faithful.

**All: Whoever walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.**

One: Let us worship our God with gratitude for guiding us!

**\*OPENING HYMN** *This is the Day*, v. 1-4 in English, then v. 4 in Spanish (GTG #391)

**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**

**Holy, merciful, and faithful God, we confess that we have not always followed in your ways. We have wasted the gifts you give to us and, especially in difficult times, have forgotten how much you love us. We have fallen into despair when we should have trusted you in hope. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us instead to be bold in our faith and trust, taking steps toward what is right in the confidence of your steadfast love. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ruth 3:1-18

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he

lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So she went down to the threshing-floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came quietly and uncovered his feet, and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, 'Who are you?' And she answered, 'I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.' He said, 'May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid; I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do so. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.'

So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, 'It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor.' Then he said, 'Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.' So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, 'How did things go with you, my daughter?' Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, 'He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, "Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed." 'She replied, 'Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.'

**MESSAGE**

*Hope and Boldness*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**RESPONSE** *Live into Hope*, v.3 only (GTG #772)

### **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** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* (GTG #816)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able



## OPPORTUNITIES

**Coffee with Katie is now on Wednesdays!** You are invited to join Pastor Katie at Charlie's, 8:30 a.m., for coffee, conversation, and maybe a pastry or breakfast on Wednesday mornings.

**The Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth** -- now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs -- will finish its discussion next week of the book *The Lost Sutras of Jesus: Unblocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Xian Monks* by Ray Riegert and Thomas Moore. The class, led by John Arnold, is at 9 a.m. Zoom attendees should use the same link as for the Worship Service. In-person attendees should use the east entrance to the church; class is in the first classroom upstairs. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy of the book delivered directly to you for \$10.00 with no shipping charge. The reading for August 21 will be Part III: The Soul of the Scrolls – pp. 120-136.

**New Class beginning August 28!** On the last Sunday of August, the class will begin discussion of *Song of Songs: A Biblical–Theological, Allegorical, Christological Interpretation* by James M. Hamilton, Jr. The book is available in paperback for as little as \$7.39 from Amazon, \$7.43 from Alibris, and \$8.81 from AbeBooks. New copies are available from Amazon or the publisher (Christian Focus Publications) for \$14.99 (all prices plus shipping). Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping. The book is in short supply so order early.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – August – Dry milk and oatmeal (or other dried cereals). 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 Em Krall and Cathy Stauber, Betty Kretz and Willie Ann Lansing as well as New Life Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1973).

### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Renee Soderlund

Accompanist – Em Krall

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*August Deacon of the Month – Sharon VanderMeer –505-617-0839*

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