

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, September 13

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

Wednesday, September 14

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

2:00 p.m. – Joint Operating Team



First United Presbyterian Church
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.

September 6, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday, we continue to look at how we can respond to God's call in our lives with the story of Noah. It's a well-known story; it's one of the first ones we teach to children. It's easy to find children's coloring books, toys, and room décor with the ark theme. What could be cuter—a big boat, lots of animals paired up and cooperating as they enter the boat, and a big rainbow at the end. But this story begins because God is unhappy with the creation God has made and decides to destroy it. Most of it, anyway. What do we do with that? What's the purpose of this story? Let's talk about it!

On another note, I want to encourage you to attend our one-day retreat on September 24, in the church. (NOT, as previously announced, on the HU campus.) If you haven't signed up already, please do so. Although we've been back in our hybrid format for awhile now, we really haven't gathered in person as a full congregation for quite some time. I sometimes think we have maybe forgotten how fun and how special it is to be in one place, to talk together, to play some silly-ish games, to share a meal together. We'll be talking about some church-y things, but mostly, as I've talked with church leadership about this retreat, we've decided we want it to be a time to reconnect and enjoy being together. Please plan to come; let's have some good community time together!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

REMEMBER:
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 24



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701
 September 11, 2022 10:30 a.m.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

MEDITATION – *The future doesn't just happen. We are building it, and we are building it all the time.*
 --Hannah Fry

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Murl Baker

*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**

One: God called to Abram to go from his country to an unknown place.
All: And Abram went.
 One: God spoke to Jacob in dreams, giving him instructions.
All: And Jacob answered, "Here I am," and did as God told him.
 One: God called to Moses from a burning bush and asked him to deliver his people.
All: And Moses said, "Here I am."
 One: God called to Samuel, who mistakenly thought it was someone else calling. Finally, Samuel understood.
All: And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
 One: God came to Mary through the angel Gabriel, asking her to birth a savior.
All: And Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."
 One: God calls us, in many ways and in many places. Let us respond to God's call, saying,
All: I will call upon the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *I Will Call upon the Lord* (GTG #621)

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

Forgive us, O God, when we seek to build up material treasures for ourselves on earth, rather than build the things that lead to community, love, and justice for all. Guide us, we pray, to build for you and for your people: to include all, to grow trust and kindness, and to work for equity and deep connection. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his

heart. So the Lord said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. . . .

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore. . . .

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

MESSAGE

Noah Builds

Rev. Katie Palmer

RESPONSE *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (GTG #315, verses 1-4)

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** *Take My Life* (GTG #697)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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



OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up now to join us for a **Congregational Retreat on September 24**. The retreat will be held in the church building beginning at 9 a.m. There is no cost; lunch will be provided. We'll have a day of fellowship, fun, and thinking about the future of our church family. You can sign up in the narthex or call the church office to let Crystal know you plan to attend.

It's a treat to once again be able to gather for **Fellowship Following Worship**. Please consider signing up to host fellowship one Sunday. It's simple—just put on a pot of coffee and a pot of hot water for tea, bring some goodies if you'd like, serve and clean up. During the water crisis, we're using a lot of disposable plates and cartoned water, so there's not even much clean up! Let Juli Salman know if you're willing to sign up for a Sunday.

Remember - Coffee with Katie at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Join Katie at Charlie's for coffee, conversation, and maybe a bite to eat.

The Sunday Morning Bible-based Class for Adults and Youth, now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs, is discussing the book *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 now! 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. The readings for September 18 are Ch. 3: The Flower and the Fruit Tree (pp. 53-65); SoS Ch. 2 in the Bible.

Samaritan House Food Donations – September – Canned milk and canned vegetables. 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 Gail Malley, Lorenzo Martinez and Maridell, Don and Nicolas Monnheim as well as Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1889).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Murl Baker

Accompanist – Em Krall

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