

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, October 24

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

1:30 p.m. – Renewal Grant Task Force via Zoom

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 p.m. - Session

Wednesday, October 26

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

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure



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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.

October 19, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Last week, we considered King David—his serious shortcomings and his sincere repentance. We heard the message that repentance for our wrongdoing is something we can offer to God. This week, we turn to a well-known story about the son of David and Bathsheba, who succeeds his father on the throne. Solomon was known for his great wisdom, as demonstrated in our reading this week. This photograph of a fresco painted by Raphael (1483-1520) is one of several pieces of art called “Judgement of Solomon.” I invite you to consider the painting as you hear the reading. Other artists who painted “The Judgement of Solomon” include Giorgione, Peter Paul Rubens, and Giovanni Battista. You can check their paintings out online.



As we consider Solomon's story, we'll think about what it means to be wise, as Solomon was considered wise. And we'll take a look, too, at the nature of grief, which is an unrecognized element of the story.

On another note ...

Believe it or not, we will enter the season of Advent in just five weeks! Listen and watch for announcements that offer opportunities to join in the spirit of love and giving during this season in which we anticipate the incarnation of God's great love and abundance.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie



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October 23, 2022 10:30 a.m.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

MEDITATION – *It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.* –Henry David Thoreau

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 40)

One: God puts a new song in my mouth.
All: A song of praise to our God!
One: We put our trust in God
All: And see God's wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us!
One: God does not desire our sacrifices and offerings of things
All: But wants us to delight in doing God's will and in the glad news of God's steadfast love!
Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (GTG #403)

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, create us anew: cleanse us, and renew our spirits so that we more faithfully show your love in your world. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 3:3-9, 16-28

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant

my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' . . .

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

MESSAGE *An Understanding Mind* Rev. Katie Palmer

RESPONSE *Spirit, Open My Heart* (GTG # 692, v. 2)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Angel Tree Pat Halverson

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *Come! Live in the Light!* (GTG #749)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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



OPPORTUNITIES

We hope you'll join us for **Fellowship Following Worship** in Perea Hall to enjoy coffee and conversation!

Don't forget **Coffee with Katie** on Wednesday! Please join Katie and others for some conversation, coffee, and maybe breakfast or a pastry!

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.

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 October 30 are Ch. 9: The Meaning and Application of the Song (pp. 135-145) and Song of Songs Ch. 8 in the Bible.

In November, the class will take on all four gospels at the same time. The discussion will be based on the book *Matthew Mark Luke & John: Side by Side Parallel Gospels in Harmony*, edited by David A. Reed. The book is available new in paperback from Amazon for \$7.95 and used for as little as \$4.71, both prices plus shipping. It is more expensive and scarce from AbeBooks and Alibris. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping.

Samaritan House Food Donations – October – Peanut butter and jelly. 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 Juli and Jeff Salman, Trudi Samuelson and Shirley Sandoval as well as El Buen Pastor United Presbyterian Church, Chimayo, NM (1903).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Renee Soderlund
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Tech Crew – Judy Long, Karyl Lyne, Jeff Salman

October Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg – 505-426-5821

October Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund – 505-429-1885

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea Su nombre.
Venga Su reino,
hágase Su voluntad en la tierra,
como en el cielo.
Danos hoy el pan de cada día
y perdona nuestras deudas,
como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque Suyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria para siempre.
Amen.