

WELCOME! We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

LIFT Presentation - During fellowship following worship today the NMHU LIFT group that traveled to El Paso/Juarez to participate in the Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey border immersion program will share their experience with our congregation. Please join us.

Mother's Day Luncheon - Sunday, May 13th. Attention men of the church: Please contact Richard Lindeborg at ralindeborg@cs.com to volunteer to help cook and serve at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

JOT Benefit Breakfast Buffet – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Saturday, May 5th at the Masonic Temple. Contact Tom Trigg, Rosie Lopez, D. R. Palmer, or Pat Halverson for tickets - \$10

Lenten/Eastertide Study continues through May 6. We are discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which "provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers."

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering - Offering envelopes are available on the action table and from Joyce Litherland. Gifts should be remitted by May 31st. Please mark your checks for "PW Birthday Offering."

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Lydia Palomino, Bob & Carrol Pearson and Chuck & Duffy Peterson and for First Presbyterian Church, Belen NM (1964). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. - Personnel

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

Wednesday, May 2

1:30 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 3

7:30 a.m. - Worship and Music

Saturday, May 5

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Session Retreat at OTMCC

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Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

April Deacons of the Month – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto – 505-454-9707

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701

April 29, 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE GATE: A SERVICE OF HEALING



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.* --Henri Nouwen

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - LIFT Club from NMHU

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (used with permission from John van de Laar at Sacredise.com)

This is a place of safety; This is a time of comfort.

Here and now the God who made the universe waits to embrace us;

Here and now we come to feel God's healing touch again.

**With all that we are—parts that are whole, and parts that are broken;
parts that are well and parts that are sick;
parts that are joyful and parts that are in pain—**

With all that we are, we come to worship you, O God.

For you are gracious, merciful and kind,

and we long to find our rest in you.

* **OPENING HYMN** PH # 404, *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

CALL TO AWARENESS**

Let us remember that, before we confess and no matter what we confess to God, we are assured of God's Love and Mercy.

As we draw near to God, let us lay down burdens of hurt and guilt. Let us receive with open hands the gifts God intends for us.

UNISON PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Holy God of compassion and grace, trusting in your great love for us and for all creation, we lay down our need before you. We bear wounds, and we ourselves have wounded others. Open us to the work of your Spirit among us to free us from all that is not of you and to recreate us in your image. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Through your Word of grace made flesh we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear the good news: Nothing in all creation, neither what we do nor what has been done to us, can separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus, the Christ, and poured out on us through the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2030, *The First Song of Isaiah*
(sing twice)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:16-34 Pew Bible Page 900

MESSAGE OF HEALING Rev. Katie Palmer

PROCLAIMING GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Join in singing *Nothing Can Trouble* (STF #2054)
During the song, please bring your prayer requests forward and put them in the basket on the communion table.

**We join together in prayers of healing
for the world . . . *Nothing Can Trouble* . . .
for the nations . . . *Nothing Can Trouble* . . .
for our nation . . . *Nothing Can Trouble* . . .
for our community . . . *Nothing Can Trouble* . . .
for our loved ones . . . *Nothing Can Trouble* . . .
for ourselves.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive an anointing of oil;
may God's blessing lead you to wholeness.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	A Dios el Padre celestial;
Praise God all creatures here below;	Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Praise God above ye heavenly host;	Y al eternal Consolador,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.	Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE

***CLOSING HYMN** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*
as performed by The Idea of North
*Please join in clapping or snapping your fingers
as we enjoy this video!*

BENEDICTION (used with permission from John van de Laar at Sacredise.com)

Touched by God's grace, **we take God's grace to the world.**
Healed by God's love, **we take God's love to the world.**
Renewed by God's Spirit,
We go in the Spirit's power to be agents of God's healing.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

** *Call to Awareness* liturgy adapted from *Worship for the Whole People of God* by Ruth Duck, 2013)

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Beth Urech
Director of Music – Karyl Lyne	Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto
Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes	

Communion is offered each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through September. We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.