



We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in Perea Hall following worship. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

- ✦ **Lilies for Easter** - If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of someone for use in the sanctuary, you may do so by going to Pam's Flowers, located on the south side of the Plaza, to order and pay for the Easter Lily. The cost is \$24.99, which you will pay when you order. The names of people for whom the lilies were purchased will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please email your dedications (in honor of or in memory of) to me at karyloz505@gmail.com. WAM members will pick up the lilies from Pam's and arrange them in the sanctuary for Easter morning. The deadline for ordering lilies is **Thursday, April 11**
- ✦ **Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday Potluck** after the worship service. Additionally, Community Life is asking that you bring an item for the Food Bank - 4/14 – Macaroni & Cheese
- ✦ You are invited to purchase a **Glory to God hymnal book plate** for \$20. It will be placed in a new Glory to God hymnal with your inscription in honor or memory of someone special to you or this church, and the church will receive a hymnal. Our goal is 125 copies and we are at 90. You may donate with a check or through Online Giving on the church website: www.lvpresbyterian.org
- ✦ **Lenten Class** will focus on Joyce Rupp's book *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*. Rupp uses the metaphor of a door to invite readers into spiritual growth in this book of daily meditations. Books are available in the office. Facilitated by Pastor Katie.
- ✦ **April Samaritan House Food Donations** – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entree
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Frank Hager, Pat & Corky Halverson and Ruth Hazelton and for First Presbyterian Church, Raton NM (1885). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, April 8

7:00 a.m. – Interpretation & Support at Charlie's

10:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

Tuesday, April 9

7:30 a.m. – Community Life at Charlie's

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service at Old Town Mission Community Center

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Potluck following Worship

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

April 7, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

DIGGING DEEP: QUEST FOR HIDDEN TREASURE



<http://archaeologysacudia.com/en/category/dig/>

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION -- *Transformation in the world happens when people are healed and start investing in other people.* - Michael W. Smith

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mustard Seed Grant Report – United World College

***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.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

In Christ, we regard no one from a human point of view.

For, if we are in Christ, we are a new creation, capable of seeing through Christ's eyes. The old "us" has passed away; we are transformed!

God, through Christ, has given the "new us" the ministry of reconciliation.

In Christ, the message of reconciliation is entrusted to us.

We are ambassadors for Christ!

Let us worship the God who has transformed us and who calls us to love the world.

*** OPENING HYMN**

STF #2061, *Creator of Mountains*

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.

Leader: God faithfully offers us steadfast love, forgiveness, and healing; God's righteousness and grace flow generously!

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Great Compassion, you have shown yourself to us in the faces of the poor, the sick, the needy. Forgive us when we don't recognize you in those faces. Forgive us when we turn away from you rather than meet the needs of those whom you created, those whom you love. Transform us in such a way that we see through new eyes—eyes gentled by your love. Transform us in such a way that loving your people becomes natural for us. We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) In Christ's name, **Amen.**

RESPONSE STF #2143, *O Lord, Your Tenderness*

O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness; O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness; O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Wondrous Love* Arr. Marie Pooler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible Page 807

SERMON *Goats and Sheep: Transformers in Action* Rev Katie Palmer

RESPONSE STF #2222, *The Servant Song*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A Dios el Padre celestial;

Al Hijo nuestro redentor

Y al eternal Consolador,

Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

(The people respond to each petition with "*Hear our 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 SEAL GOD'S WORD (on insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table* (on insert)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction.

Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.

Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Mercy and Grace, we have all come as children in need of being fed, clothed, and freed by your Spirit. Thank you for nourishing us as only you can. We pray that this meal will allow us to see you in the faces of your people and will give us the strength and courage we need to serve them, knowing that by doing so, we serve you. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #434, *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Deb Allen-Reid

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals –D.R. Palmer/Linda Solyntjes

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by

Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God.

April Elder of the Month-Deb Allen-Reid -505-331-9125

April Deacons of the Month – Patrick Rucker (505-718-6211) and Sean Croto

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