

**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.

**Lenten/Eastertide Study** will be led by Pastor Katie beginning February 25. We will be reading 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." Brown argues that "[o]ften, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most." (Amazon.com review) Books are available in the church office for \$10.

**Lenten Lunches** - Starting February 25th we will have Soup & Bread after services each Sunday through March 25th. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall so please sign up during fellowship time. A *gentle reminder* to please bring a full pot of soup so we will be able to serve everyone who attends.

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Linda & John Cunningham, Theresa Deherrera, and Pauline Dimsey as well as for Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena NM (1907). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

##### **Monday, February 19**

Church Office Closed – President's Day

##### **Tuesday, February 20**

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

##### **Wednesday, February 21**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

*The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by  
Pam's Flowers on the Plaza  
and dedicated to the glory of God.*

##### **Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Siobhan Croto, CP Candidate

Worship Leader – Jim Croto

Choir Director – Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg /Linda Solyntjes

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701  
February 18, 2018

#### **VOICES AT THE GATE**



#### **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** - *There are big advantages of living for God, therefore try to spend every minute you have walking with Him, listening to Him and learning of His wisdom.*  
Sunday Adelaja

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

#### **\*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** (adapted from Rex A.E. Hunt website)

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

**Let us walk his way with joy.**

#### **\* OPENING HYMN**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* PH#316

## 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: Christ, consumed by love for God's people, assures us: we are loved, forgiven, and created anew.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** from STF #2167 *More like You*

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.**

**Fill my heart with desire to make me more like you.**

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.**

**Touch my lips with fire and make me more like you.**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM** *The Potter's Hand* Darlene Zschech/Lloyd Larson

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** A Dramatization of John 11:1-42

**SERMON** *Listening for Voices at the Gate* Siobhan Croto

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*When Jesus Wept* PH #312 (Please sing twice)

## WE SEAL GOD'S WORD.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

**SONG OF PREPARATION** I Am the Bread of Life Vs 1 & 2 - (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

**Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 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")

## 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 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

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\***CLOSING HYMN** PH #472 *Cantad al Señor*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

*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.*

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*February Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 505-425-7992*

*February Deacon of the Month – Jan Beurskens – 716-864-2026*