



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.

- ✦ 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 free.
- ✦ **Lenten Lunches** - As we begin our journey towards Easter, we will again celebrate each Sunday of Lent with a soup and bread lunch. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall.
- ✦ Along with our soup lunch, Community Life is asking that you bring an item for the Food Bank. 3/17- Tuna fish, Mayonnaise
- ✦ **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. There is also an option for discussing the book in a Facebook group; talk to Pastor Katie if you'd like to be invited into this group. Books are available in the office or from Richard Lindeborg. Facilitated by Pastor Katie.
- ✦ **Offering Envelopes.** We now have "Welcome" offering envelopes in the pew racks for visitors, members or friends who want to make a cash offering during worship and have it used for a designated purpose or credited to a pledge.
- ✦ **March Samaritan House Food Donations** – Canned meats, tuna, chicken
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Renee & Peter Buchanan, Randy Campbell and Robin Carlson & Les Jones as well as First Presbyterian Church, Mora NM (1883). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Monday, March 11**

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

4:30 p.m. – JOT at OTMCC

**Tuesday, March 12**

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 Contemplative Worship

**Wednesday, March 13**

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers rehearsal

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 10, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

**DIGGING DEEP: QUEST FOR HIDDEN TREASURE**



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

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – *To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.*

Lewis B. Smedes

**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** (inspired by Psalm 130)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God, knowing that if you counted the times we stray from you, we would be unable to come before you.

**But you, O God, forgive and heal us.**

And so we wait for you and hope in your word.

**We trust in your steadfast love and in your abundant mercy;**

**we come together to praise you!**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

PH #473, *For the Beauty of the Earth*

## 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's forgiveness floods our lives over and over again. When we stumble, God catches us and offers us grace. When we are stumbling blocks to others, God's willing mercy awaits us. We are loved beyond measure!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Prayer of Reconciliation adapted from <https://www.workingpreacher.org>

**Forgiving God, as you encouraged your people to forgive, you modeled forgiveness to us. And yet we struggle to live peacefully and respectfully with one another. We selfishly look to our own interests and neglect the interests of others. We are quick to judge and slow to release grudges. We magnify the wrongs done to us and minimize the wrongs we do to others. Help us learn the healing that comes with "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" so that we might live in harmony with all your children. 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** *Canticle of Hope* by Cynthia Dobrinski Rainbow Ringers

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18:15-35 Pew Bible Page 799

**SERMON** *Playing The Forgiveness Card* Rev Katie Palmer

**RESPONSE** PH #386, *O for a World*, verses 1, 3, 5

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER** – Judi Ruprecht

## 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

*(see insert)*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

**SONG OF PREPARATION** PH #517, *We Come as Guests Invited*

## 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

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**\*CLOSING HYMN** STF #2150, *Lord, Be Glorified*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Karen Topping

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

*The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by*

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

*March Elder of the Month-Denice Spicer – 505-429-8697*

*March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-425-6457*

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