



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. Our goal is 125 copies and we are at 84. You may donate with a check or through Online Giving on the church website: www.lvpresbyterian.org
- ✦ **Lenten Lunches** - As we begin our journey towards Easter, we will again observe each Sunday in Lent with a soup and bread lunch. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall. Please consider donating the money you might have spent on lunch to One Great Hour of Sharing. Additionally, Community Life is asking that you bring an item for the Food Bank - 3/24 – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **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. You may also donate through our online giving on the church website: www.lvpresbyterian.org
- ✦ **March Samaritan House Food Donations** – Canned meats, tuna, chicken
- ✦ Pastor Katie will be away, welcoming her new grandbaby, from March 22 – 30. For pastoral care needs, please call Rev. Pat Halverson (505-454-1013), Siobhan Croto (505-310-5183), Rod Billingsley (505-617-1269) or the Deacon of the Month, Sharon Vandermeer (505-425-6457).
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto, Wilma Cunico, and Linda & John Cunningham and for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Peñasco NM (1881). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, March 19

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

12:00 p.m. – Mustard Seed Committee - Library

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 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

DIGGING DEEP: QUEST FOR HIDDEN TREASURE



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

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *In its arguably most transformative and revelatory capacity, [imagination] is the power that enables us to empathize with humans whose experiences we have never shared.* -- J. K. Rowling

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing*

***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 Psalm 16 in Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

Remain ever before me, O God, for in You I am safe.

You are my Beloved; in You and through You I can do all things.

My delight increases each time I sense your Presence within me!

Therefore your Love is my chosen food, my cup; your Love is my birthright.

In your Love's presence I know fullness of joy.

You are my Beloved and in You I will live forever!

*** OPENING HYMN**

PH #263, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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 true justice is beyond comprehension, for it is full of compassion and mercy. God's grace flows generously; we are loved beyond measure!

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

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

Generous God, you have promised to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. You see us *all* as your beloved children. And yet we cling to notions of justice based on our limited understanding of fairness and our inability to grasp your great generosity and abundance. Remind each of us that we are deeply loved, just as all of your children are deeply loved. Teach us to live with that same spirit of equality and to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. 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

Kyrie by Eugene Butler.

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

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SERMON

That's Not Fair!

Rev Katie Palmer

RESPONSE

For the Fruit of All Creation (see insert)

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

(see insert)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion will be passed in the pews.

Please take bread and hold it; we will eat together.

Likewise, please take a cup and hold it; we will drink together.

If you need gluten-free bread, please alert a server.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

STF #2267, *Taste and See*

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN STF #2240, *One God and Father of Us All*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Juli Salman

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/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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