

EASTER

Service Schedule

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US!

- ⊕ 7:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise service at Old Town Mission Church
814 Chavez Street (At the corner of Chavez and Socorro)
- ⊕ 8:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast at First United Presbyterian Church
- ⊕ Easter Egg Planting—all ages!
- ⊕ 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship at First United Presbyterian
- ⊕ 10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship at St Paul’s Peace – 718 National Avenue
- ⊕ 11:00 a.m. – Easter Worship at First United Methodist – 810 8th Street

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April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder 429-2139

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

Church Office: 505-425-7763 - Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
March 30, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

VOICES AT THE GATE



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Every day of the year is a good day to think more deeply about Good Friday, for Good Friday is the drama of the love by which our every day is sustained.* – Richard John Neuhaus

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from John 3:19, 8:12, 10:3, 7)

One: Jesus is the gate and our shepherd—the one who calls us by name.

Many: **Jesus, the Christ, is the light of the world.**

One: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world

Many: **And we loved the darkness rather than light.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God of unchanging power and light, we gather to remember the passion of your son Jesus and to ask that you look with mercy on your whole church. May your word remind us tonight of your incarnation and your work done through Jesus. Bring to completion your saving work so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to wholeness through Christ.

OPENING HYMN PH #102

Were You There?

Verse 1: D.R. Palmer, Solo

Please join in singing verses 2-4

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL – Mark 14:10-13, 16-20

Response *The Last Hours of Christ—A Disciple’s Betrayal* by Lanette Kissel
 Jim Croto, Reader

First Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF AGONY – Luke 22:39-42, 45-46

Response STF #2198, *Stay With Me (sing 5 times)*

Second Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF ARREST AND DENIAL – Luke 22:47, 54-62

Response PH #93 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Third Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION – Mark 15:1-14

Response STF #2144, *In All Our Grief* v. 1, 3

Fourth Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY – John 19:1-3, 9-16a

Response *Jesus Before Pilate* by Stephen Greenleaf Bulfinch
 Patrick Rucker, Reader

Fifth Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION – Luke 23:32-34, 39-43

Response PH #599, *Jesus, Remember Me (sing 5 times)*

Sixth Candle Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF GRIEF – John 19:23-27

Response *Beneath his Cross She Watches* Beall/Carter
 Chancel Choir

Seventh Candle Extinguished

RESPONSIVE READING (from Isaiah 53:5-6)

One: Gracious God, you have given us everything.

Many: You have not withheld any of your love, but have poured it all on us.

One: He was wounded and bruised for us. He was beaten that we might have peace;
 he was lashed—and we were healed!

**Many: Yet every one of us has strayed away like a sheep. We have left God’s paths to follow
 our own. Find us and redirect us, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT MEDITATION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHADOW OF DEATH AND BURIAL – John 19:28-30, 38-42

Christ Candle Extinguished

Response *O How He Loves You and Me*
 Karyl Lyne, Solo

Please remain in silent reflection until you are ready to leave.

As you leave, we ask that you leave the sanctuary and the building in silence.

Go in peace.

Assisting in Worship Today

Rev. Madelynn Johnston – St Paul’s Peace Church

Rev. Katie Palmer – First United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Rosemary Pierson – First United Methodist Church

Accompanist – Em Krall

Director of Music – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals/Lighting – Linda Solyntjes/Karyl Lyne/Siobhan Croto

* Please stand if you are able.