



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** - As has been true in the past, FUPC members will be able to purchase Easter Lilies for the sanctuary from Pam's Flowers. If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of someone, 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 to Pam's Flowers at the time 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](mailto: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
- ✦ 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](http://www.lvpresbyterian.org)
- ✦ **Lenten Lunches** – During our Lenten journey towards Easter, we will observe each Sunday with a soup and bread lunch.. 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 - 4/7 – Macaroni & Cheese
- ✦ **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 Nancy Ellington & Jonathan Ehrlich, Emma Estrada, and Mark Gillingham, and for Rancho Presbyterian Church, Taos NM (1892). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Tuesday, April 2**

- 7:00 a.m. – Personnel
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
- 10:00 a.m. – Mission and Peacemaking
- 6:30 p.m. - Session

**Wednesday, April 3**

- 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 4**

- 11:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701  
 March 31, 2019, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent

**DIGGING DEEP: QUEST FOR HIDDEN TREASURE**



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

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – *Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*  
 –Psalm 27:14

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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**

*Voluntary and Fugue in C – G F Handel*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 31:23-24 in Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

Love the Lord, all you saints.

**The Lord preserves the faithful, so we will act faithfully.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**We will be strong and courageous as we wait for the Lord.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

PH #220, *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

## 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 grace flows generously!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

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

**Faithful God, you have tasked us with doing your will here and now—with caring for your creation and loving all of your children. Forgive us when we forget how urgent this task is; forgive us when we think it can wait or someone else can do it. Guide us, we pray; shine your light on the path we should take to do your work as we wait in anticipation for your kingdom to come. 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** *God's Grace* by Valerie W. Stephenson Rainbow Ringers

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible Page 806

**SERMON** *What're We Waiting For?* Rev Katie Palmer

**RESPONSE** *Wait for the Lord* (x3, on insert)

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO OFFERING

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*- Arr. Forrest

### \*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.**

## A SERVICE OF HEALING

### PRAYER OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING

Gracious God, source of all healing, we are in pain - the pain of grief, of deep hurts, of need, of sickness; the pain and fear of doubting your presence. We ache for our broken world and from the knowledge that we are sometimes complicit in breaking it. But we trust you to be faithful; we trust you to heal and mend us; we trust you to make us whole. Thank you.

**Our gratitude leads us to come to you, confident of your blessing, symbolized today by oil. Bless this oil, pressed from the fruits of the earth and given to us as a sign of healing and of the fullness of life you give.**

May your Spirit fall anew upon all who are anointed with this oil; may they receive your healing touch and understand the freedom of your love; may they, indeed, be made whole.

*You are invited to be anointed with oil. May God's blessing lead you to wholeness.*

*During this time, please sing: STF #2136, Out of the Depths*

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**\*CLOSING HYMN** STF #2214, *Lead Me, Guide Me*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Fanfare and Chorale on "Agincourt Hymn"*- Callahan

\*Please stand if you are able.

### Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Rosie Lopez

Accompanist – Steve Hufnal

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals –Karyl Lyne/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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