



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.

- ✦ With our Ash Wednesday service this week, we enter into the season of self-reflection—Lent. The service will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Mustard Seed Grant applications are being accepted until tomorrow, March 4th. Forms are on the table in the Narthex or at the church office. They may also be downloaded from the church website.
- ✦ This Lent, you are invited to join the study on Sunday mornings *or* in our online Facebook group. We'll be reading 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. For more information, see the March newsletter or talk to Pastor Katie, who will facilitate the class. Books are available in the office or from Richard Lindeborg for \$7. The book is also available on Kindle for less than \$10. Please plan to read pp. 1-13 before the first class on March 10.
- ✦ 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. **3/10-** Canned hearty soups, canned stews, hash
- ✦ 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, Stew
- ✦ Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Frank & Jan Beurskens, Rod Billingsley & Karen Topping, and Chad Boliek as well as Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena NM (1907). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. – Personnel

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

10:00 a.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday service

Chancel Choir rehearsal following service

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 3, 2019

10:30 a.m.

JESUS: TRANSFIGURATION

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *An awake heart is like a sky that pours light.* - Hafiz

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 22:25-26)

We lift our voices to God as we gather together.

We vow to stand with those who know God's steadfast love.

Those who seek you praise your name, O God!

We rejoice that your love will forever change us!

*** OPENING HYMN**

STF #2049, *God Is Here Today* (x2)

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 grace abounds: we know God's love and forgiveness; we know Christ's presence with us.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

(Adapted from Working Preacher website)

Radiant God, you revealed yourself in your son, Jesus, when he was transfigured on the mountain before his disciples. Still today, you reveal yourself all around us. And yet we fail to see; we fail to attend to all the ways you are present with us. Forgive us, we pray; help us notice your brightness around us so that we might enlighten others with the good news of your love. We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

RESPONSE STF #2152, *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Kum Ba Ya* arr . Ken Neufeld Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:24-17:8 Pew Bible Page 798

SERMON *Transformation* Rev Katie Palmer

RESPONSE STF #2153, *Transform Us*

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 God and 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION STF #2261, *Life-giving Bread* (x2)

Life-giving bread, as our hearts are transformed anew,

And life-giving wine, may we share in a life with you.

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

Loving and Generous God, we have feasted on the meal you have prepared for us. As it fills us with your love may it remind us of your presence and may we shine brightly with your love for all to see. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** STF #2173, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Denice Spicer

Accompanist – Ron Maltais

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – D.R. Palmer/Linda Solyntjes

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by

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

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