



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.

- + **Presbyterian Women Birthday** offerings are due by May 31. Please write “PW Birthday Offering” on the memo line of your check.
- + **Today! - Tecla Namachanja Wanjala**, well known peace maker in the world, joins us for church and conversation during fellowship time in Perea Hall at 12:15 p.m.
- + **Sound Circle Women’s Chorus** from Boulder, Colorado, will perform in our sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, followed by a potluck supper. Get your tickets now! \$10 tickets available in Perea Hall during fellowship time, from the office, and from several choir members. Half of the proceeds from this concert will stay here to help fund our Samaritan House meals.
- + **Pentecost Party!** The people of St. Paul’s Peace have invited us to join them for a Pentecost party at noon on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. They’ll provide the meat (it’s a cookout!); please bring a side or dessert from your family/ethnic tradition to share. There’ll be live music and lots of fun! Please RSVP to the church office so SPP will know how many they’ll be serving!
- ✦ **Samaritan House Food Donations** May – Rice and Beans
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Katie & D. R. Palmer, Bob & Carrol Pearson, and Chuck & Duffy Peterson as well as Smith United Memorial Church, Truchas NM (1903). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day – Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 28**

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Contemplative Worship – Old Town Mission

6:30 p.m. – Session

**Saturday, June 1**

4:00 p.m. – Sound Circle concert, followed by potluck

*May Elder of the Month – Judy Long - 505-429-0379*

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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 26, 2019                      10:30 a.m.

**SHARING THE TREASURE**

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**



**MEDITATION** – *The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in.*  
Morrie Schwartz

**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 Matthew 11:28-30)

Jesus invites us, saying, “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

**Jesus reminds us what he offers, saying, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.”**

Indeed, in Christ we find rest for our souls. Let us worship God together!

**\* OPENING SONG** PH #457, *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**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.*

One: God loves you and accepts you just as you are. God pours grace upon you, forgives you, and offers you new life in Christ.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Loving God, you invite all of us to delight in your love. But we often put barriers in the way of accepting that invitation because we don't really quite believe that receiving your love is as simple as saying yes to you. We can't quite believe that we don't have to do or say the right things, that we don't have to earn a place in your kingdom. Forgive us. Show us how to open our arms to catch the love you so graciously give us, and help us live ever aware that we've received the gift of relationship in Christ. We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

**RESPONSE** PH #243 *We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good*, v. 1

**We thank You, Lord, for You are good; Your mercy lives forever.**

**Your kindness from of old has stood; Your love will keep us ever.**

**O God of gods, O sovereign Lord, We bless You now with one accord:**

**Your love is everlasting.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 3:28-30; 5:1-11

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**SERMON** *Standing in Grace*

Rev. Katie Palmer

**RESPONSE** *There Is Now a New 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 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** PH #514, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**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. May it remind us of your faithfulness to your people; may it remind us of the love with which you feed us every day. And may it encourage us to walk in the way of Christ so that others, seeing you through us, will hunger for you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

PH #276, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Rod Billingsley

Accompanist – Em Krall

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.*