



**the Rev. Ken's message--services and reflections on the Cross
June 26,2020**

Those in the village will have seen that the newly re-constructed LPPC cross has been installed on the Hwy. 165 side of the church building. The wood in the previous one having deteriorated, the new one incorporates the metal-work from the old one, so it will look basically the same... as in the logo at the top of this page.

Bunny Bowen designed the cross in early 2005, during the church expansion. She can share more about it in detail, but what I have always loved about it is that the symbols she used... including the Celtic sun-circle... make it very much a "living" cross, a cross deeply "grounded" in the elements of God's creation.

I fondly remember the day we dedicated the previous cross in May 2005, as part of the dedication of the new wing of the church. At the end of worship that day we all processed out through the Memorial Garden and around the building to the cross, where the Hispano Singers sang for us and we had a prayer. Then we all moved back around to the new main doors in the courtyard, where... at Pastor Jane's invitation... the Rev. Jim Anderson and Elder Vivian G. DeLara cut the ribbon and led us into the new part of the building, greeted as we entered by the Mission San Antonio choir.

This new cross can't be blessed in a chorus of song in quite the same way as the old one was, but a much-beloved old hymn does come to mind:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of noontide heat, and the burden of the day....

(words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1868)

May our renewed cross continue to symbolize a "welcome home" to all who pass by, and to all who stop in!

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Announcements:

SUNDAY WORSHIP - In addition to the LPPC Zoom worship at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the Presbytery of Santa Fe's collaborative livestream service is at 10 a.m. This week's service will feature elements of a June 26 service during the "Virtual" 224th General Assembly of the PCUSA.

The service is accessible via the presbytery website: <https://www.santafepresbytery.org/> or via the direct link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyyCNb_6Jiw&feature=youtu.be

LESSONS ON ECCLESIASTES: The Wisdom of Dis-Illusion - the adult study continues working through the book of Ecclesiastes. Study notes are posted weekly on the LPPC website. This week's study covers chapters 7-8.

