

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

All Are Welcome Here – We Strive For It.

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, commits to offering a community in which persons of diverse age, color, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity, economic status, and physical or mental ability are all welcomed and affirmed. To all who have known pain of exclusion or discrimination from church or in society, we ask forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

If you are new to our church and would like more information, please ask one of our greeters or ushers or visit the **Welcome Center**. They can direct you to classrooms, nursery, restrooms, food, and fellowship, as well as introduce you to our staff. We would be honored to get to know you better and learn about your life and spiritual needs. Our community may not know you yet, but we already love you and hope you will make this your spiritual home. Thank you for joining us today, and God bless you!

Liturgists 8:00 Cindi Ross-Bell, 9:30 Kelly McBartlett, 11:00 John Allum

Brass Quartet Anna Dees, trumpet; Ian Schmid, trumpet; Dan Morris, trombone; Peter McCarty, trombone

The flower arrangement in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in appreciation of Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor and Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor.

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for children during all worship services today. Paggers are available upon request. The nursery staff has some fun and engaging Easter activities planned for the morning.

Parents please note, there will be no First Kids' Club today.

Exploring First Church If you would like to learn more about Methodism and the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular, you are invited to attend the Exploring First Church gatherings held on Sundays, April 15 and 22 in the Parlor at noon. A light lunch will be served. If you are considering membership at First Church, you are strongly encouraged to attend the gatherings. We will be receiving new members at all three worship services on April 29. To RSVP please call the church office (970) 482-2436 or email membership@fcfumc.net

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Were You There?</i> <i>The Day of Resurrection</i> <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> Brass Quartet, Timpani, Organ	arr. V. Nehlybel arr. V. Nehlybel arr. R. Hobby
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Introit	<i>An Easter Call to Worship</i> Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Organ	
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> , v. 1-4	UMH 302
Children's Time		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	UMH 322
Anthem	<i>A Joyful Alleluia</i> Sanctuary Choir	G. Young
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response	<i>Alleluia</i> Sanctuary Choir	G. Young
Scripture	John 20:1-18	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering	<i>Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021; every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.</i>	
	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> Sanctuary Choir, Organ	D. Bish
† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
Scripture	Acts 10:34-43	Liturgist
Sermon	"Forever Changed by Christ"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	UMH 303
† Choral Benediction	"Hallelujah" from <i>Judas Maccabeus</i>	G. F. Handel
Postlude	<i>The Strife is O'er</i>	arr. Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

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A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church is an exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Two weekly classes will be offered on Thursdays (noon–1:30 p.m. or 6:30–8 p.m.) starting on Apr. 5 for six weeks. Please email Rev. Cynthia at c.paquette@fcfumc.net to sign up.

Ways to Give to First Church:

- Did you know that you can have your contributions to First Church automatically deducted from your bank account? This provides convenience for you and consistency for the church. Please contact financialsecretary@fcfumc.net or visit fcfumc.net and click "Give Online" for more information.
- Did you know that you can give to First Church easily and securely online? Please visit fcfumc.net and click "Give Online" to get started.
- Did you know that you can text to give at (970) 355-3021? Simply text a message with \$ and the amount you would like to contribute. Then follow the instructions texted to you to complete the transaction.

Youth Ministry at First Church will be presented by Rebecca Dunagan, Director of Youth Ministries, at **Double Nickel Luncheon** on Fri., Apr. 13 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4. No reservations are required, and all are welcome.

Bonus World Wisdoms Project: Jim Reid and Maria Cox will continue the discussion they started in February with "Metaphors: A Doorway to the Sacred" at 6:30 p.m. Apr. 5 in the Parlor. This presentation will explore how metaphors function in our ongoing and evolving relationship with the Sacred in our lives. A \$10 per person donation is suggested for this event.

Please note: The church building and office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 2 in observance of the Easter holiday.

If you purchased a potted flower for the Sanctuary, you may pick it up following the 11:00 a.m. service today or on Tuesday, April 3.

Job Opening for Financial Secretary: First Church is seeking a part-time financial secretary to work with our Business Manager to maintain contribution records, assist with stewardship campaigns, and produce quarterly statements of giving to our contributors. To view the job description and/or apply, please visit fcfumc.net/about/employment.

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Old Chicago in Old Town. Join us for our monthly conversation about the intersection of faith and life. Questions: marthaconant@gmail.com.

Communications from First Church: Please visit our website at www.fcfumc.net to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter as well as our weekly E-News. (Click Media/Communications to sign up.) You may also click the link called "In Our Prayers" to receive updates on recent deaths.

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Vacation Bible School – Please join us!

June 11-15, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Registration in Fellowship Hall: Sundays, April 8, 15, and 22 or go to <http://2018.Cokesburyvbs.com/fumcfortcollins> beginning April 3. Register early for reduced pricing. After May 20 prices go up.

- \$50 per child
- \$65 for two related children
- \$75 for three related children

First Church Survey: The Visioning Team is compiling information about our church as we determine our mission and priorities. Please take the time to complete our brief survey so that we might better understand your spiritual needs. A link to the survey is found on our website, in our weekly email, and hard copies are available at the Welcome Desk outside the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Faith Family Hospitality: Join our “At Home Mission” as we welcome four families experiencing homelessness from **Sun., Apr. 15 through Sun., Apr. 22**. Needed are dinner cooks, evening hosts, overnight hosts, Saturday pancake breakfast cooks, and set-up and take-down assistants on both Sundays. Sign up in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

First Church will participate in the **Habitat Thrivent Stone Soup Build** on Sat., Apr. 14 at 8 a.m. at the Harmony Cottages on the SE corner of Harmony and Taft Hill roads. Information and sign-up sheets to build or provide lunch are available at the Mission Corner on Sunday mornings. We are allotted only ten build positions, so please get on the list soon.

First Church Habitat Build in Vietnam: Interested in building a Habitat for Humanity home in Vietnam later this year? Join Rev. Cynthia, Rich Fisher, Jim Collinson, and trip leader Erika Nossokoff (from our local Habitat affiliate) from November 1-11, 2018. Cost is about \$1,900 per person plus airfare and visa for this trip of a lifetime: a “Big Build” with hundreds of volunteers from around the world! More information is available at the Mission Corner. An information meeting is scheduled for April 25 at Erika’s home.

Urgent Care Phone Line: (970) 294-6595

Call if you 1) urgently need to speak to one of the pastors, 2) have a death in the family and need a pastor’s visit, 3) need a pastor to pray with you before an unexpected surgery, or 4) are being admitted to the hospital and need a pastoral visit urgently. This phone rotates between the pastors and is to be used only for emergencies.

Pastors

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor
Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor

Deacons

Rev. Sue Harmon, Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital
Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, Chaplain, Suncrest Hospice

Music Staff

David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications
Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries
Anthony Weber, Director of Children’s Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
Brenna Martin, Director of Children’s Choir (Cherub Choir)

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, Interim Director of Children’s Ministries & Nursery Coordinator
Rebecca Dunagan, Director of Youth Ministries
Rev. Scott Grantland, Wesley Foundation Director
David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids’ Closet Coordinator
Laura Lechtenberg, Director of Preschool
Gail Farnum, Director of Mother’s Day Out

Administrative and Facilities Staff

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Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead
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Catherine Pawlikowski, Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator
Sarah Rathbun, Financial Secretary
Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager
Juanita Cruz, Custodian
Josh Osterbur, Custodian
Max Reyes, Custodian
Kathy Suiste, Custodian

Coming Next Week —Second Sunday of Easter

“Clothed and Unafraid”

Isaiah 41:8-10; Galatians 3:23-29

Music: 8:00 Josh Colonnieves, tenor

9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir, Josh Colonnieves



April 1, 2018
Easter Day

“Forever Changed by Christ”



The mark of responsible forestry

