

## 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!

**Liturgist** Pam Raab

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to our Sunday School programs during the 9:30 a.m. service and are welcome in all worship services or the childcare area during 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

### Children's Sunday School Classes – 9:45 a.m.

Please sign in your children at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children in grades K-5 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service.

For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

### Youth Confirmation Class 8:00 a.m.

### Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m., Youth Wing

Students, grades 6 – 12, are invited to join us for coffee and discussion of the Scripture for this week's sermon. Then we'll head to the Sanctuary to listen to the message. Join us this evening for Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

**8:00 a.m.:** Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Wesley Commons

**9:30 a.m.:** Samaritan Class – Parlor; Serendipity Class – Village Commons; Upper Room Class -- Upper Room (Room 235)

**11:00 a.m.:** Open Hearts Class – Village Commons; CrossWalk Community – Wesley Commons

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00

### Gathering Music

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. J. Westenkuehler

### Welcome

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Prelude

*Morning Has Broken* arr. Lani Smith

### Invocation

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### † Call to Worship

Liturgist

### † Hymn of Praise

*Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

### Anthem

*Trust In You* Lauren Daigel  
Janet Krech, Ken Nicolai, Dawn Rorhbcker, Mario Sosa

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

### Scripture

Psalm 56:3-4 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Offering

*Give online at fcfumc.net; text to give at (970) 355-3021;  
every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.*

*You Raise Me Up* Graham/Lovland

Janet Krech, Ken Nicolai, Dawn Rorhbcker, Mario Sosa

### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

### Scripture

Philippians 4:5b-7 Liturgist

### Sermon

"Grounded and at Peace" Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### † Hymn of Dedication

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*  
UMH 304

### † Benediction

### Postlude

*Toccata on "Jesus Shall Reign"* D. Cherwin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 join us today for the Exploring First Church gathering held 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.

**Father Ubald** has been a Roman Catholic priest for 25 years in the Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda. During the 1994 genocide, he lost over 80 members of his family and over 45,000 of his parishioners were exterminated. Please join us in the Parlor on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. to hear his story of forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold their spring Knit-In on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. They have colorful new spring yarns, patterns, and mentors waiting. All are welcome.

**Purchasing Grocery Cards** to buy food, gas, and prescriptions is easy and benefits the United Methodist Women in their worldwide mission work as well as the general budget of First Church. A percentage of each grocery card sold is given to these worthy efforts.

**Native American Ministries Sunday:** On Sun., Apr. 22 we will have a special offering to empower the contributions of Native Americans to church society. Money collected will go toward the Native American festivals in Thornton and Rye, seminary scholarships for Native American Methodists, and other programs that impact native populations in the U.S. More information is available in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

**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](http://fcfumc.net/about/employment).

**Communications from First Church:** Please visit our website at [www.fcfumc.net](http://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.

The **Third Thursday Lunch** group will meet at the Cabana restaurant, 2310 Harmony Road (just west of Snow Mesa Drive) at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19. Parking is adjacent to the restaurant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vacation Bible School – Please join us!** June 11-15, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Registration in Fellowship Hall: Sundays, April 15 and 22 or go to  
<http://2018.Cokesburyvbs.com/fumcfortcollins>. Register early for reduced pricing. After May 20 prices go up.

Experience the ride of a lifetime with God. We will be getting rafting ready with our theme verse for the week, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2. Each day the children will be experiencing something new in the Rolling River. We will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace. Our mornings will be filled with music, crafts, mission, recreation, science, and snacks. As always, volunteers are welcome! Contact Barb Grauberger for more information at [childrensdirector@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.net).

**Buckhorn Camp Summer Schedule** is available in Mission Corner. Information on summer employment and volunteer opportunities is also available.

### 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](mailto:financialsecretary@fcfumc.net) or visit [fcfumc.net](http://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](http://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

### 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

**Scott Schroeder, Business Manager**  
**Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead**  
**Elise Harkey, Office Manager**  
**Catherine Pawlikowski, Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator and Interim Financial Secretary**  
**Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager**  
**Juanita Cruz, Custodian**  
**Josh Osterbur, Custodian**  
**Max Reyes, Custodian**  
**Kathy Suiste, Custodian**



**April 15, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



**We are delighted to have you with us for worship today.**

We have three worship services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (in the Chapel), 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (in the Sanctuary). Sunday School classes are offered at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and fellowship and food are available in Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Sanctuary. May you be blessed because you joined us in worship today.