

## 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 Joan Carter, 9:30 Emily Land, 11:00 Stephanie Lane

**Flowers** are donated in honor of Karen Stoodly and David Adkins and the First Church music ministry.

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers 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 • 9:30 • 11:00

### Gathering Music

*Variations on "Our God We Worship Now"* H. Colvin

### Welcome

Dr. Melanie Rosa

### Prelude

*This Is My Father's World* arr. John Leavitt

### Invocation

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### † Call to Worship

Liturgist

### † Hymn of Praise

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

### 9:30 Children's Time

Barb Grauberger

### Hymn

*Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH 322

### Anthem 8:00

*Like a Lamb Who Needs a Shepherd* T. Fettke

Emilee Smith, Ivy Taylor, Emily Gehman

### 9:30 & 11:00

*Look at the World* John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### 9:30 & 11:00 Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* Lloyd Larson

### Scripture

Psalm 23 UMH 754

### Offering

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

### Antiphonal Praise

Emilee Smith, Ivy Taylor, Emily Gehman

T. Fettke

### † Doxology

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

### Scripture

John 10:11-18 Liturgist

### Sermon

"Lay It Down" Dr. Melanie Rosa

### † Hymn of Dedication

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH 381

### † Benediction

### Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* D. Cherwin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATE MUSIC!** is the single fundraising event of our music ministry for the 2018 ministry year. We will present a concert on April 29 at 7:00 p.m. that will include our Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choirs, Soloists, and even the Stover Street Stompers! It will be an hour-long concert presenting music of many different genres from sacred to secular. All funds donated will help cover the expenses which are not covered in our general budget such as additional new music, music storage supplies, orchestras for seasonal works, and repairs and maintenance of our instruments. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music, and if possible, help us raise the much needed funds to keep our music ministry vital and growing.

**Exploring First Church** If you would like to learn more about First Church, 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.

**Native American Ministries Sunday:** Today we will receive 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.

**Father Ubald** has been a Roman Catholic priest for 25 years in the Cyanguu 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.

**Theology on Tap** will meet on Tues., May 1 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. The topic this month is "Spiritual, but not Religious?" We look forward to having you join us. Questions: Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com) or Kate Norton, [fif67@live.com](mailto:fif67@live.com).

**Pura Vida—Guatemala** will be presented by Beverly Winsett at the Double Nickel Luncheon Fri., May 11 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4. No reservations required. All are welcome.

**DVD of the Week:** *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*, DVD FF SAB\_2017. Love him or despise him, fired FBI Director James Comey has been deeply influenced by Reinhold Niebuhr, who was the most influential Protestant theologian of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Background on this connection is on display in the library.

**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.

**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.

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**Earth Day and First Church:** 1970 was a momentous year in the environmental history of the USA. The Clean Air Act was passed, the US Environmental Protection Agency was formed and the first Earth Day was created by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. Since then, our country and city have made huge strides in cleaning the air and water and reducing other forms of waste and pollution. But there is much more to do especially for climate change adaptation and emissions reduction and First Church is part of this effort.

Over the past several years, our church has worked to buy smart, conserve, reuse, recycle, and repurpose. We compost food and paper, recycle plastics, glass, and metal. We replaced inefficient windows, and upgraded our lighting. This year, we will replace the Fellowship Hall lights with dimmable LED fixtures, cutting our energy usage by more than half while adding flexibility. We will also install low flow restroom fixtures in high use areas.

There are many things you can do at home and in your everyday life to be more green. Check out the display in Fellowship Hall today to learn more.

**Vacation Bible School:** June 11-15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Experience the ride of a lifetime with God. Registering kids and volunteers now. Register at <http://2018.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcfortcollins> or stop by Fellowship Hall between worship services. Cost prior to May 20: 1 child \$50, 2 children \$65, 3 children \$75. After May 20, prices increase to \$75, \$90, \$105. For more information contact Barb Grauberger at [childrensdirector@fcumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcumc.net).

**Summer Issue of The Carillon:** The June and July issues of *The Carillon* will be combined. Article deadline for this issue **only** is May 15, and copies of the June/July *Carillon* will be in mailboxes by the end of the first week of June. (The August Kick-off issue will be produced on the normal schedule. Articles due July 8.)

**Ways to Give to First Church:** Contact [financialsecretary@fcumc.net](mailto:financialsecretary@fcumc.net) for more information.

- Automatic deduction
- Online at [fcumc.net](http://fcumc.net)
- Text to Give at (970) 355-3021
- Offering envelope
- Mail

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

**Urgent Care Phone Line: (970) 294-6595**

This phone rotates between the pastors and is to be used only for emergencies.

**Cub Scout Pack 98 will be supporting the Larimer County Food Bank through the Scouting for Food Drive.** This effort starts Thursday, April 18 through Saturday morning, April 28. Large collection barrels will be set up inside the entrances to First Church, and you can drop off any canned or boxed food items you wish to donate to the Larimer County Food Bank. Thank you!



### 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

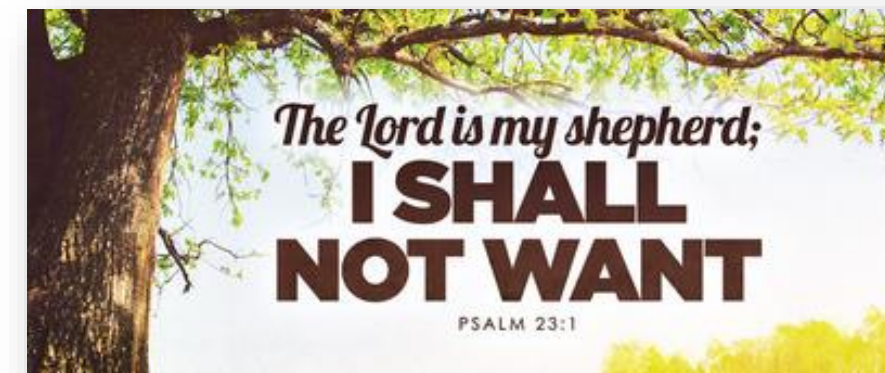
**Barb Grauberger, Director of Children's Ministries & Child Care Coordinator**  
**Rebecca Dunagan, Director of Youth Ministries**  
**Rev. Scott Grantland, Wesley Foundation Director**  
**David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library**  
**Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator**  
**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 22, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**"Lay It Down"**



**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.