

## 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 Martha Conant, 9:30 Mike Kohler, 11:00 Kelly McBartlett

### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

### 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.

### 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.

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

**8:00 a.m.:** Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Village 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 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. J. Pethel

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *O Worship the King* arr. Lani Smith

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† Call to Worship Liturgist

† Hymn of Praise *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

9:30 & 11:00 Reception of New Members

9:30 Children's Time Barb Grauberger  
Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH 322

Anthem 8:00 *Wiegenlied* F. Schubert  
Carla Hager, violin

9:30 & 11:00 *O Be Joyful* 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 22:25-31 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offering  
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every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.*

8:00 *Serenade* F. Lehar  
Carla Hager, violin

9:30 & 11:00 *To God Be the Glory* arr. Alan Lohr  
Carillon Handbell Choir

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

Scripture John 15:1-8 Liturgist

Sermon "I Hate Pruning" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† Hymn of Dedication *We All Are One in Mission* TFWS 2243

† Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Brillante* Gordon Young

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPENING TODAY

**CELEBRATE MUSIC!** is the single fundraising event of our music ministry for the year. We will present a concert tonight 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 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.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**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?" Questions: Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com) or Kate Norton, [flf67@live.com](mailto:flf67@live.com).

**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.

**New DVD study:** *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection & the Mission of the Church* by N.T. Wright is a six-session, faith-inspiring vision of the future. **No book required.** Available noon or 7 p.m. every Wednesday May 2 through June 6.

### COMMUNITY AND WORLD MISSIONS

**Putnam Volunteer Needs:** May 1: Book Fair, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. (2 people); 12:30—3:30 p.m. (2 people), May 4: Book Fair, 12—4 p.m., May 10: Prize Store, 2:00—3:25 p.m. (6 people). Contact Janet Krech at (970) 988-6201 or [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com). You must be registered to volunteer with Poudre School District.

**Report from Kenya:** See some amazing slides and hear equally surprising stories of the recent mission trip to Kenya presented by Kate Norton, Rick Norton and Rich Fisher at 7 p.m. May 7 in the Parlor.

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**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.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**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).

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### YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Congratulations graduating seniors!** We would love to recognize your achievements on Sun., May 20 at the 9:30 service. If you wish to be included, please email [officemanager@fcumc.net](mailto:officemanager@fcumc.net) no later than Mon., May 14 with the following information: your name, school, degree, and future plans. We are excited to celebrate with you.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**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.)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church is seeking a dynamic and well organized person with strong managerial skills as our **Childcare Coordinator**. Please read the job description at <http://fcumc.net/about/employment> and send your resume and cover letter to Barb Grauberger ([ChildrensDirector@fcumc.net](mailto:ChildrensDirector@fcumc.net)).

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Brian, Kelly, Lorelei, and Haley Cross



Connie Dedon



Carol Lontine



Bren Shuler

### 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 and Family Ministries & Childcare 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**

Coming Next Week: May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

"Inclusivity"

Acts 10:34-36, 44-48; John 15:9-17

Music: 8:00 Anthony Weber, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir &

Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

# FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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**April 29, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**"I Hate Pruning"**



## John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you..."

**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.