

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

The Vision of First Church is to be an inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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 seek 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!

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—9:45 A.M.

Please sign your children in at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children join their parents/guardians for worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children grades K-5 meet outside the Sanctuary. The teachers will escort elementary children to their classrooms.

Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following the service.



SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP: If you are a teen, we have something for YOU! Youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to participate in our Sunday Morning Youth Group that happens at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Join our Youth Director and leaders in the Youth basement for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth that are fun and relevant to students!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS—Please join us.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are able

Gathering Music *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Karg-Elert
Dr. Joel Bacon, organ

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Introit *Surely the Lord Is In This Place* Herbert Colvin
Sanctuary Choir / Bethany Man, harp

*Order of Farewell to a Pastor Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

Chorus (9:30) *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Scripture Romans 8:26-39 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to give to First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcfmc.net/> or on the First UMC App (Click on Give).
2. Text to give 1 800 364 GIVE (4483) (Text Message FirstChurch).
3. Automatic draft through online giving.
4. Check or cash
(Every loose \$1 bill goes to those in need).

Offertory *Sometimes I Hear God's Music* Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10;16-20 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Sermon "Too Deep for Words" Dr. Melanie Rosa

*Hymn of Dedication *Hymn of Promise* UMH #707

Choral Benediction *An Expression of Gratitude* David Schwoebel
Sanctuary Choir

*Benediction Dr. Melanie Rosa

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V for Organ* Charles-Marie Widor
Dr. Joel Bacon, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS



It was our pleasure to host a concert of CSU ORGAN WEEK at First Church last week. How exciting to see and hear the Fort Collins Symphony with several world renowned organists, including our own Organist and Artist in Residence, Dr. Joel Bacon!

FAITH FORMATION



SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Our middle schoolers just returned from their trip to Buckhorn Camp in Bellvue, where they learned about creation care while preparing the camp for summer activities. Our high school group is currently in Missoula, Montana on their mission trip. Keep an eye out for pictures and updates in First Wire!

CONFIRMATION STARTS THIS FALL

Confirmation is an exciting opportunity for students to learn more deeply about their faith and what it means to be a part of the Church. We are encouraging 7th, 8th, and 9th graders to sign up, AND anyone who was confirmed during the pandemic who would like a chance to participate in a more in-person confirmation experience (these students will not be confirmed again, but will participate in classes and events).



Our college ministry, **Kindred**, is an inclusive and safe space for local college students and college-aged young adults to share a meal and conversations about life and faith. Join us on **Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 in the Youth Basement!** Learn more and support us on our [website](#).

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Don Silar, Joe Ahlbrandt,
Jerry Wiese and Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free



Come Celebrate

DR. MELANIE ROSA'S RETIREMENT!!

Reverend Melanie's last Sunday is today. Please join us in a brunch reception following the 9:30 worship service.

Light refreshments, music and speakers will be part of this time for all of us to give Melanie, Fred and their family our best wishes for nothing but exciting, eventful and healthy times in this next chapter of their lives.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

CAN WE GET A CONVOY?

First Church people who want to support our church's effort to start a community organizing group in Northern Colorado are urged to be present when Coloradans for the Common Good issues an invitation to form a new affiliate. The meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. on July 13 at Regis University in Denver. For details, contact David Reid at (970) 581-2707 (phone or text) or davidreid24@gmail.com.

MISSIONS



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please help fight hunger in our area by planting extra in your garden and bringing the vegetables to church on Sunday. We will get it to the Food Bank. Last year we donated over 1,200 pounds of vegetables and fruits. Let's beat that this year!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

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

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*
Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist/Artist in Residence*
Brenna Martin, *Children's Choir Coordinator*
Abigale Gilson, *Children's Choir Director*
Karen Stody, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*
Victoria Burkett, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Mark Lee, *Director of Adult Faith Formation and Northern Colorado Faith Library*
David Reid, *Community Builder*
Laurie Elliott, *Childcare Coordinator & Interim Pre-School Director*
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*
Gail Farnum, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*
Nathan Abrahamson, *Worship Technology Assistant*
Shelley Nelson, *Administrative & Communications Assistant*
Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*
Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*
Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator*
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*
Howard Miller, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week: July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Good News for New Places"

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

1005 Stover Street • Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022

An Expression of Gratitude

Philippians 1: 3-6; 9-11

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you.
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
In every prayer with joy.

I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day 'til now. I Thank my God for you. And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray that your love may abound more and more. Abound in knowledge, in judgement, that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God. That you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus.

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In every prayer with joy; I thank my God!

THANK YOU REV. MELANIE - THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

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