

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 rise as you are able.		
Gathering Music	Marche Religieuse	Gustav Merkel
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Prelude	Allegretto	Gustav Merkel
*Call to Worship		9:30 Jaden Putman 11:00 Mike Kohler
*Hymn of Praise	A Place at the Table (vs. 1 & 3)	W&S #3149
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism	9:30 Ginger and Dorothy Doyle 11:00 Castiel and Lily Tietjen	
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	I’ve Just Come from the Fountain Sanctuary Choir	arr. A. Giamanco
Scripture	Mark 1:1-8	
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For? Come to the Water”	
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div><b>Giving to God through First Church:</b> 1. Give online at <a href="https://fcmfc.net">fcmfc.net</a> or on the First UMC App . 2. Check or cash. 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.</div>		
Offertory	Aria	Jan Bender
*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (vs. 1)	UMH #605
*Benediction		
Postlude	I’ve Just Come From the Fountain	Richard Billingham

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lay Servant Ministries is a dynamic program of the United Methodist Church which is designed to equip laity for their roles in ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. Classes are offered throughout our Conference, and now, with availability of Zoom, we can participate in classes offered in other Conferences as well. Are you interested in meeting with other committed lay persons for study and spiritual growth?

Lay Servant Ministries, February 13-27, 2023, via Zoom. Offered by Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, March 16-30, 2023, via Zoom. Offered by Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Soul Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life With God, Feb. 28, & Mar. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm., via Zoom.

See First Wire for more information on the Lay Servant program.



Saturday, February 11th from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Please join us in the Parlor. Mentors, yarns, hooks and needles are waiting.

FIRST CHURCH CONNECTION CARD

(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate QR codes below)

Date

Service Time 9:30

11:00

Last Name

First Name

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone

I am a First Time Guest

Returning Guest

Regular Attender

Please let me know about volunteer opportunities

Please contact me about membership

Please add me to the "First Wire" weekly email list

Prayer Requests

Regular Attender

First Time Guest

QR Code 1

QR Code 2



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 Boy Scouts, Lois Quintana, Don Silar, Rich & Pam Raab  
11:00 Boy Scouts, Eric Wilkinson, John Allum

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Lisa Cole

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor and celebration of all who have been a part of the scouting community. Pack 98 and Troop 83 thank the church for chartering our units. Your dedication is important for the youth of today. "Now may the great Master of Scouts be with us until we meet again."

**TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY.** Several of our scouts will be assisting our ushers in worship today.

### FAITH FORMATION

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF DEBT...**months, years or decades before you may have?? Millions of folks have and you can too!! Join us for classes based on Financial Peace University's/Dave Ramsey's program. **CLASSES FROM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15 to WEDNESDAY APRIL 19 FROM 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM.** Child care available. Classes held at Fort Collins First United Methodist Church and you don't have to be church member. So, invite your friends, children, grandchildren and neighbors (true church community). Register at <https://www.fpu.com/1159845> or contact Don Silar at [dfsilar@aol.com](mailto:dfsilar@aol.com)

### Lenten Studies

*Make plans to participate in a Lenten group!*

Monday evenings starting Feb 27 and running six weeks, explore the Gospel of Mark, which also will shape Sunday worship each week. Six Wednesdays starting March 1 will have both midday and evening groups studying *The Disciples Path*. See First Wire for more details.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE



This month, we've been encouraged to consider ways to be "in community" with each other.

The Discipleship Team is asking you to consider being a "sojourner" this year – it's a delightful way to connect with people.

A sojourner's role is to support a new member as they get involved in the life of the church. We have guidelines for you and support is given by team members. We currently and urgently need four new sojourners.

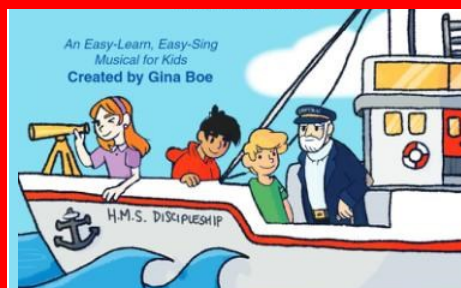
Care to join us?

If yes, please contact Lisa Fenton Free, 970-985-5533 or Pam Raab, 970-222-8343.

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## GET ON BOARD

### THE H.M.S.DISCIPLESHIP



Join our Children's Choir as they prepare their spring musical  
**DISCIPLESHIP ADVENTURE**  
A Musical for Kids  
Created by Gina Boe  
May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Our children's choirs meet each week from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and all kids preschool through 5th grade are welcome.



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What Are You Looking For?

COME TO THE WATER

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

February 5, 2023

You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!