

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.

Prelude *Prelude* Samuel Ducommun

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Music for Reflection *Hear My Prayer* Moses Hogan
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship 9:30 Mike Kohler
11:00 Jerry Wiese

*Hymn of Praise *Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit* UMH #264
(sung to the tune of HOLY MANNA)

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233

Children's Message

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Daniel Muroki
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Mark 5:2-6

Sermon "The Mark of Discipleship: Breaking the Norms"

Offering Our Gifts to God

Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at fcumc.net or on the First UMC App .
2. Check or cash. All loose dollars go to those in need.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory *Have Mercy, Lord God, BWV 721* J.S. Bach

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication *O Christ, the Healer* UMH #265

*Benediction

Postlude *Solemn Celebration* J. G. Rheinberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date:

Jorge Montiel, lead organizer of Coloradans for the Common Good and Mountain Voices Project, will deliver the Hagen Lecture at 7 p.m. May 1 at First Church. The lecture is free but donations for the endowment are welcome. Invite your friends.

EXCITING Life Together SMALL GROUPS ARE STARTING!

The Life Together Team is excited that there are now 20 Life Together Small Groups. This week we highlight:

- 1) Parenting Small Groups for parents with children up to 11 years old.
- 2) Parenting Small Groups for parents with teens

If you are interested, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall today or send an email/text message to: fentonfreelisa@gmail.com/ 970-985-5533.

Pictorial Directories Available

The new church directories will be available for pickup between services today in Fellowship Hall.

Please note: *Directories are ONLY available for those who had their picture taken for the new directory. We did not order extras.*

Please Note:

Due to Spring Break, there will be no music group rehearsals during the week of March 13—17.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Everyone loves flowers, and each Sunday donated altar flowers are re-arranged by the Flower Ministry committee and delivered to church members needing well wishes. More volunteers are needed for the Flower Ministry on a rotation schedule. If you would like to help, please notify Susan Block by phone (970-219-9332) or email (gram4b@comcast.net).



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 _____ Address _____ 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 _____



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS/HOLY COMMUNION SERVERS:

9:30 Connie Cardenas, Randie Bell, Randy Olson
11:00 Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Scotia Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Sandra Stille, in memory of her father, Donald Leroy Stille.

LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH

MAY WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH LENT AS AN EASTER PEOPLE.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 6 @ 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

BY JOHN TROTTA WITH

CHORUS, SOLOISTS, PIANO, HARP, F HORN, AND OBOE
PRESENTED BY SANCTUARY CHOIR

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 9 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTH 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurse Ministry

Donna Newkirk, APRN-BC, FCN and Scotia Orr, RN, HWNC-BC



Who: Anyone

What: Confidential BP Screening, Consultation, and Resources

Where: Gathering Place

When: Today from 10:30-11:30

How: Wear a light weight shirt

Easter Candy Donations

We will be hosting an Egg Hunt after each service on Easter morning and need your help! Please place bags of Easter candy in the collection boxes in the narthex by April 2nd. Easter pencils, stickers, and snack bags of goldfish/pretzels are also welcome.



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FUMC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2023 GRANT PROGRAM

The 2023 Grant Program of the Foundation for the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins began on March 1st. Grant money is available for church committees and groups to be used for programs, equipment and services that are typically not funded through the church operating budget.

You may pick up an application in the church office, or download a copy from the church website (www.fcfumc.net) under the Media tab.

E.A.F.

The **Emergency Assistance Fund** is available to provide financial assistance to members and constituents with urgent needs pertaining to: food, housing, utilities, health, and transportation. The EAF fund is administered by a committee of church members who are knowledgeable about community programs in Fort Collins and Larimer County. Those needing financial assistance can contact the EAF committee through one of the pastors or by calling the EAF phone number at **970-494-5960**. Information shared with the committee is confidential.

faith family hospitality



It's almost time again to welcome unhoused families at our church! Our guests will be here Mar. 19-26, and sign-ups continue this weekend. As we temporarily bring them into our community, we need help! Some shifts are family friendly (dinner prep), some can be done at home (laundry), some are very social (evening hosts), some are fun (child care Tuesday evenings), and some even let you sleep on the job (overnight hosts). And all the evening shifts include dinner! So look for the white board at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall between services or scan in this QR code to sign up online for the shifts that you want. Thank you for your hospitality!



Putnam Elementary CAFÉ MEXICALI FUNDRAISER

Eat delicious food and support Putnam Elementary students at the same time. It costs \$150 for each 5th grader to go to EcoWeek outdoor education in the Fall. If you would like to contribute to this cost, you can do so by eating at **Cafe Mexicali** any time on **Tuesday, March 21st**. When you order your food, you must have a flyer. These flyers are available in the Fellowship Hall today. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, checks can be written to the church. Please designate "Putnam" in the memo. Contact Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, with any questions.

Coming Next Week: March 19, 2023

The Mark of Discipleship: Claiming the Identity
Mark 7 and 8

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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The Mark of Discipleship:

BREAKING THE NORMS

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

March 12, 2023

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

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

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