

## 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 *Be Thou My Vision* Bernard Wayne Sanders

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick  
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

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

\*Call to Worship 9:30 Pam Raab  
11:00 Sandy Merriweather

\*Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* UMH #545

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233  
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Skyla Ellis Loren Sherrow  
and Rona Grace Lee Sherrow

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

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Peace Like a River* Jean Anne Shafferman  
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Mark 8:27-30

Sermon "The Mark of Discipleship: Claiming the Identity"

Offering Our Gifts to God

### Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at [fcumc.net](http://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 *Lift High the Cross* arr. Raney  
David Adkins and Joel Bacon

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

\*Sending Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* TFWS #2158

\*Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in G* C.V. Stanford

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINISTRY FAIR

March 26th

Did you know our church has a closet full of medical devices available to borrow? Did you know our church provides new and gently used clothes, diapers, and underclothes to children of all ages for free? Did you know we support a clean water project in Kenya? Did you know we have a casual singing group for anyone that enjoys older songs and hymns with an emphasis on those with memory loss? Have you been able to explore all the classes and small groups we have available for education and enjoyment?

Join us on Sunday, March 26, between services, for a Ministry Fair. Come see what wonderful services our church is providing for our congregation and our community far and wide. 20+ different ministries will be displaying what they do. Discover ways we can assist you and find opportunities to get involved.



### Travel Club

Do you love to travel? Enjoy sharing travel stories? Growing your bucket list of places to travel? Want to find



friends to travel with for day trips and maybe even international trips? Come and join our new small group. Our first meeting is **Monday, March 27, at 7pm**, and we will meet in the Parlor. All are welcome! If you have questions, you can contact Robin Norell at [RNorell@gmail.com](mailto:RNorell@gmail.com).

### 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:** 9:30 Jerry Wiese, Dave Rubenthaler, Kristen Roberts  
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Susan Leinhart  
**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Scothia Orr

### 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.

### 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](http://www.fcfumc.net)) under the Media tab.

### 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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

### Easter Flowers-Celebrating Loved Ones

Deadline is Sunday, April 2

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of someone to be displayed in the sanctuary on **Easter**, you may place your order between services in Fellowship Hall or during the week in the church office.



The **cost is \$12** and you may pay online (preferred) or with a check. Please complete the forms found throughout the church building and turn in to Fellowship Hall on Sundays or to the church office during the week. When paying online please select **EASTER FLOWERS** from the drop-down fund menu. The flowers will be 6.5 inch potted perennials in mixed spring colors. You may pick up your flower after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, or on Wednesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any flowers remaining after April 12 will be taken to our homebound members and friends. **Thank you for helping make our Sanctuary festive and joyous for Easter Sunday!**

### 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.



### Putnam Elementary CAFÉ MEXICALI FUNDRAISER

**Eat delicious food and support Putnam Elementary students at the same time.** It costs \$150 for each 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com), with any questions.

Coming Next Week: March 26, 2023

"The Mark of Discipleship: Making It Uncomfortable"  
Mark 9 and 10



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*The Mark of Discipleship:*

CLAIMING THE IDENTITY

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

[EasterFortCollins.com](http://EasterFortCollins.com)

March 19, 2023

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

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