## 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.



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.** Serendipity Class—Village Commons;

Upper Room Class—Upper Room (Room 235)

**10:55 a.m.** Open Hearts Class—Village Commons

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude O Love, How Deep by Healey Willan

Dr. Joel Bacon, organist

Welcome Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette

\*Music for Reflection Ave verum corpus
Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship 9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Stephanie Lane

\*Hymn of Praise Praise to the Lord the Almighty UMH #139

(vs 1,2,& 4)

Chorus (9:30) Standing In the Need of Prayer UMH #352
Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer TFWS #2278

Anthem Amazing Grace arr. Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Mark 14:66-71

John 21:15-17

Sermon A Life of Prayer: From Knowing to Loving Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offering Our Gifts to God

## **Giving to God through First Church:**

- 1. Give online at fcfumc.net.
- 2. Check or cash. All loose one dollar bills go to those in need.
- 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory Blest Be the Tie by Emma Lou Diemer

\*Doxology UMH #95

\*Sending Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication Till We Gather Again by Rory Noland

\*Benediction

Postlude Postlude by Hermann Schroeder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Grief Support Group**

by W.A. Mozart

Whether you have suffered a recent loss or continue to grieve a loved one, join us for a time of reflection, learning, and support on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room, beginning February 27. If you have questions please contact Rev. Dee Pennington at penninda@att.net or 314-602-7864.

## **Habitat for Humanity Travel**

The most destructive and expensive fire in Oregon's history, scorched through Rogue Valley in 2020. The fire left behind a 13-mile-long burn scar leaving 10,000 people displaced. Habitat for Humanity is giving us the opportunity to travel to Medford, OR to team up with Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity to restore homes and change the lives of families who call the scenic mountain landscape of the Pacific northwest home. Our team is limited to 15 people, and we will travel September 22 - 28, 2024. Please contact Cindi Ross-Bell at (970) 481-0921 or falcor@frii.com for more information.

#### **February Travel Club Meeting**

Do you enjoy travel? Or just enjoy talking about it? Then you're perfect for the FUMC Travel Club! Our next meeting is Monday, February 26, at 7p.m. in Room "Club 5.0" (2nd floor). One of our club members will share their experiences on Star Clippers cruises. Then we will talk about the 2024 Festivals and Special Events! New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, you can contact Robin at RNorell@gmail.com or Lisa at fentonfreelisa@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!

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## **TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH**

#### **USHERS:**

9:30 Dave Rubenthaler, Curtis Bridges, Lois Quintana, Judy Kinner

11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

**WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Lisa Cole

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Bill and Janice

Whitaker in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

#### **Lent Devotionals**

Lent Devotionals are available for free at the south and east entrances and welcome center. Please take one for yourself and one for your neighbor/friend.

#### **2024 SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES**

PRAYING WITH PRAYER BEADS with Diana Grant and Lynnè Diaz Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Noon – 1 p.m., 7 – 8 p.m. at The Church Parlor

Join Diana and Lynnè for a workshop on making prayer beads that you can use in your prayer time during Lent and beyond. Books that guide you in praying with beads will be available for purchase. **Sign up with the QR code.** 



## 2024 Lenten Study - Will meet in Village Commons Wednesdays, February 28 – March 20, 2024 - Noon – 1 PM, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning to Pray is a simple and powerful book, by Russian Orthodox Bishop Anthony Bloom. Bloom was the son of a diplomat and an atheist who came to faith while serving as a physician. At the heart of his preaching and teaching was a personal encounter with God in prayer. Purchase books (\$10 each) on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare



will be provided but must be reserved by calling the church office by 2/23.

# 2024 Workshop Series - Centering and Welcoming Prayer March 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. (\$5/person donation appreciated)
Quoting the Center for Contemplative Living:

"Centering Prayer teaches us consenting in stillness; the Welcoming Prayer practice teaches us consenting in activity."

Presenters: Shawn Delne, Pat Wittkopf, Sue Kahalekulu, and Kit Snyder from the Center for Contemplative Living, Denver, CO. Sign up for workshop and childcare with QR code.

## **COMMUNICATE REQUEST FORM**

Have an announcement to include in the Sunday bulletin? Please submit the details by Wednesday - 2 weeks before you need it - using the QR code:



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Congregational Engagement Opportunities**

Scan the QR code or go to <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CongregationalEngagement">http://tinyurl.com/CongregationalEngagement</a> for a full list of opportunities to help you grow in faith, get involved, meet new people, learn about care opportunities, and discover new selections from our First Church Library.



#### **Church Building Closed Tomorrow**

The church building will be closed on Monday, February 19, as we observe President's Day.

#### **Our Church Staff**



**Connect With Our Pastors** 

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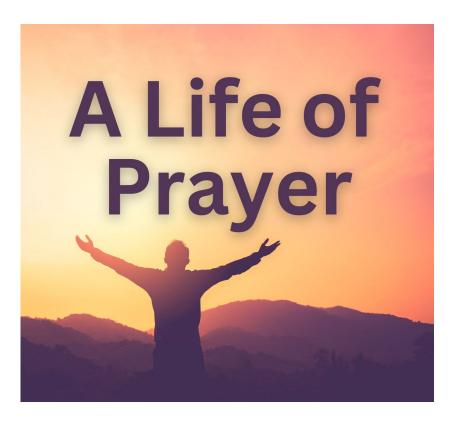
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# February 18, 2024

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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.

Thank you for joining us today!