

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

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, fellowship, and 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!

† Stand as you are able

Liturgists Today

8 am Martha Conant; 9:30 am Kate Norton; 11 am Jerry Wiese

Flowers are donated in celebration of Wayne and Shirley Myers' 57th wedding anniversary.

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to our Sunday School programs during the 9:30 a.m. service and are welcome in all worship services or the child care area during 8 and 11 a.m. services.

Children's Sunday School Classes – 9:45 am

Please sign in your children at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 am worship service begins. Children sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until after Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to room 121, and children in grades K-5 meet their shepherds outside the narthex. The shepherds will escort children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service.

Youth – 9:30 am in the Youth Basement

Students are welcome to come down at 9 a.m. for donuts and drinks before Sunday School. At 9:30, we'll talk about the sermon topic and then head upstairs as a group to hear the sermon.

Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us!

9:30: Samaritan Class – Join us in Sept.; Serendipity Class -- Village Commons; Upper Room Class -- Upper Room (Room 235)

11:00: Open Hearts Class – Join us in Sept.; CrossWalk Community – Wesley Commons

All Are Welcome Here - We Strive For It!

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church, 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 ask forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

Coming Next Week

New Series: *The Journey is our Home*

"The Journey is Required"

Genesis 12:1-6; 17:1-8; Hebrews 11:32-40

Music: 8:00 am - Anthony Weber

9:30 and 11 am – Stover Street Stompers

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. D. Bish

Welcome **Passing the Peace**

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. E. Broughton

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

9:30 a.m. Children's Time Rebecca Dunagan
Hymn *We are the Church* (refrain only) UMH 558

Anthem *Instrument of Peace* Jerry Estes
Grace Notes: Caren Everett, Georgia Locker, and Lorraine Shuler

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Proverbs 12:15-18 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Faith and Service Moment *The Gift of Church Community*

Offering *Thank you for generously supporting our ministry.*
Dollars for Mission: All loose \$1 bills placed in the offering plate will fund mission work beyond our walls.

Prayer of Dedication Liturgist
Offertory *When the Lord Restored Zion* Dave & Jean Perry
Grace Notes: Caren Everett, Georgia Locker, and Lorraine Shuler

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Scripture Galatians 3:23-29 Liturgist

Sermon *"Embracing Differences"* Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *All Are Welcome*

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata Brevis* Daniel Gawthrop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all educators! On Sun., Aug. 20 we will offer a special blessing for our teachers. If you are a teacher, professor, administrator, aide, or Sunday School teacher we encourage you to come to worship and receive our blessing for the upcoming academic year. We are inspired by your care for our students, and we appreciate you.

"Where your treasure is your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) The financial leaders of your church want you to know that over the last several years our church has experienced financial challenges resulting in a deficit which we are working hard to reverse. We need the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness of our faithful members and friends to regain our financial stability and acquire positive momentum for the future. And that momentum is already happening! **July giving was the best for July in 3 years and the 3rd highest month in 3 years.** As a volunteer organization, we rely completely upon your generosity, for which we are most grateful. Please do not hesitate to contact Finance Chair Dave Rubenthaler or Dr. Melanie Rosa if you have questions.

Exploring First Church: Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and our church in particular? Are you considering membership in this promising community of faith? If so Pastors Melanie and Cynthia invite you to attend informational gatherings today and next Sun., Aug. 20 at noon in the Parlor to learn about the history of Methodism and the many ministries available in our church. A light lunch will be provided, as well as child care if needed. **Please join us today even if you did not RSVP.** New members will be received at all 3 services on Kickoff Sunday, Aug. 27.

The **Carillon Handbell Choir** comes back from summer hiatus and meets for the first fall rehearsal on Wed., Aug. 16 at 6 pm in the Choir Room downstairs. The **Alleluia Handbell Ensemble** (beginner ringers) meets Thurs. Aug. 17 at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Senior Ministry

Contact Linn Zink at (970) 689-3047 or lczink@gmail.com

- **Thurs., Aug. 17 - Okay Chorale** meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the Village Commons from 3 to 4 pm. This open, informal singing group with piano and guitar accompaniment is open to everyone and is especially for anyone with memory issues along with their friends and encouragers.
- **Seniors Serve** - Help with Catholic Mission Dinner, Mon., Aug. 21, 5:30 pm. Sign up to help at the mission corner in Fellowship Hall. Serve at the Food Bank, Thurs., Aug. 17, 9–11 am with others from the church, or help in our church office. *Find a way to serve!*

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Karin Marsh, who passed away on Aug. 2 and to the family of Mary Raybourn, who passed away on Aug. 4.

John Yoder Memorial Celebration, today, Aug. 13, 2–5 pm at Spring Park, 2100 Mathews. All are welcome to this informal gathering.

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Youth Parent Meeting: Sun., Aug. 20, immediately following the 9:30 am service. Meet in the Youth Basement. Schedules for the year and youth ministry info will be handed out.

Love Feast (a shared fellowship meal) for **Kick Off Sunday, Aug. 27**: Look out for tags with specific food items in the Fellowship Hall or Welcome Center. Please take one or more tags, purchase the items, and bring them to church any time before Aug. 27.

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Fellowship Time to prepare coffee and lemonade and cleanup afterwards. Prep shift is 8-9 am; Cleanup shift is 12:30-1 pm. Sign up at fcfumc.net

The last dessert gathering with Pastor Melanie still has room for a few more participants. Dale and Martha Conant will be the hosts in their home on Mon., Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm If you would like to attend this time to get to know our new pastor better, please contact Pam Raab, pbr2308@gmail.com.

For the safety of those using our building at night, your Board of Trustees has requested that the **East (Stover Street) door be locked every day at 5 pm** To enter the church for evening events and meetings, please use the South entrance. Thank you.

Text to give: Simply send a text to (970) 355-3021 with the amount you would like to contribute. Be sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (ex: \$25). Within a few minutes, you'll receive a text with a registration link. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card info. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Online Giving is a convenient and secure way to provide consistent financial support for First Church. To get started:

- Visit fcfumc.net
- Click "Give Online"
- Click "Create Profile"
- Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and make your one-time or recurring contributions.

Faith & Service Moment

Today's video highlights *The Gift of Church Community*, presented by **Stewardship & Generosity Committee**.



Thanks to all for the gifts and service to our church that help make our church community in all its many variations possible!

Pastors

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

Deacons

Rev. Sue Harmon, *Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital*
Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, *Chaplain, Suncrest Hospice*

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*
Karen Stody, *Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries*
Anthony Weber, *Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)*
Brenna Martin, *Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)*

Program Staff

Lynette Szantho, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Rebecca Dunagan, *Director of Youth Ministries*
David Reid, *Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library*
Barb Grauberger, *Nursery Coordinator*
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Laura Lechtenberg, *Director of Preschool*
Gail Farnum, *Director of Mothers' Day Out*

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Juanita Cruz, *Custodian*
Angel Holm, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Joshua Rodgers, *Sunday Hospitality and Custodian*

Urgent Care Phone Line: (970) 294-6595

Call if you 1) urgently need to speak to one of the pastors, 2) have a death in the family and need a pastor's visit, 3) need a pastor to pray with you before an unexpected surgery, or 4) are being admitted to the hospital and need a pastoral visit urgently. This phone rotates among the pastors and deacons and is to be used only for emergencies.

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August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
"Embracing Differences"



We are delighted to have you with us for worship today.

We have three worship services each Sunday at 8 am (in the Chapel) 9:30 and 11 am (in the Sanctuary). Sunday School classes are offered at 9:30 and 11 am and fellowship and food are available in Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Sanctuary. May you be blessed because you joined us in worship today.