

## 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, 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!

† Stand as you are able

### Liturgists Today

8 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell; 9:30 a.m. Martha Conant; 11 a.m. Pat Jungmeyer

**Musicians** -- 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Stover Street Stompers

**Flowers** are donated in honor of the Stover Street Stompers.

### Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers 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 a.m.

Please sign in your children at the Children's Ministries check-in desk, south entrance, before the 9:30 a.m. worship service begins. Children sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of 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 elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick up elementary children from the upstairs Village Classrooms following the service.

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

**11 a.m.:** 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 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 ask forgiveness and offer a place of respite and welcome.

### Coming Next Week

New Member Sunday

*"The Journey is Transforming"*

Genesis 28:10-17; Revelation 21:5-6

Music: 8 a.m. – Women's Trio

9:30 and 11 a.m. – Sanctuary Choir/Brass Ensemble

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

### Gathering Music

**8** *I Must Tell Jesus* arr. Joel Rainey  
**9:30 & 11** *Down By The Riverside and Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

### Welcome

### Passing the Peace

### Prelude

**8** *Morning Has Broken* arr. Joel Rainey  
**9:30 & 11** *My Lord, What a Morning*

### Invocation

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### † Call to Worship

Liturgist

† Hymn of Praise *God Leads Us Along* W & S 3031

### Children's Time

Lynette Szantho

Hymn *We are the Church* (refrain only) UMH 558

### Blessing our Educators

### Anthem

**8** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Linda Pratt  
Anthony Weber, tenor

**9:30 & 11** *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Scripture

Genesis 12:1-6; 17:1-8 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

### Faith and Service Moment

Church Facilities Ministry

### 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

**8** *My Tribute* arr. Kartsonokis

**9:30 & 11** *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

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

### Scripture

Hebrews 11:32-40 Liturgist

### Sermon

"The Journey is Required" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† Hymn of Dedication *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* UMH 521

### † Benediction

### Postlude

**8** *Blessed Assurance* arr. Bock

**9:30 & 11** *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord/When the Saints Go Marching In*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Today: Exploring First Church** – Would you like to learn more about our church? Are you considering membership in this promising community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend an informational gathering today at noon in the Parlor to learn about 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 three services on Kickoff Sunday, Aug. 27.

**Today: Youth Parent Meeting** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. Meet in the Youth Basement. Schedules for the year and youth ministry info will be distributed.

**Love Feast** (a shared fellowship meal) for **Kickoff 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.

### Faith & Service Moment

Today's video highlights *Church Facilities Ministry*, presented by **Stewardship & Generosity Committee**.



*Thanks to all for the gifts and service to our church that help make it possible to provide this building and all of its resources for our First Church community.*

### Senior Ministry

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

- **Thurs., Aug. 24**, "Talking about Walking" will leave at 8 a.m. from the south church lot to walk to the CSU Annual Flower Trial Garden on Remington as well as some of the surrounding area. This new monthly group will walk two to three miles each time it meets on 4th Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **Fri., Sept. 8, Double Nickel Senior Lunch** will meet at noon in the Parlor. Longtime church member Eric Wilkinson, General Manager of Northern Water, will present "Providing Water Supplies for NOCO – Past, Present, and Future". All are welcome to enjoy the best \$4 lunch in town. No reservations required.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Council Meeting – Aug. 22, 7 p.m.** in Village Commons. As always, the meeting is open to all those interested in First Church administrative affairs and program ministries. We are beginning our strategic planning season which will continue through the rest of the year.

The **Library** has on display numerous resources on race and race relations in response to the events in Charlottesville, VA last weekend. Please come by to browse and check out books, DVDs, and audio books.

**Grief Group** – The Grief Group will start again **Tues., Aug. 29, 5 p.m.** in the Conference Room. For more info, contact JoAn at (970) 222-5925.

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](http://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.
- Drop one of the green cards in the offering plate, which lets us know you gave online.

The Trustees have scheduled a yard sale in the south church parking lot for **Sat., Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** The sale will include desks, lawn equipment, carpet remnants, and other items we need to move out of the church. Did you attend Sunday school or Preschool at FUMC? Now you have the opportunity to purchase the chair you sat on in 1987. The gum may still be under the seat.

**Join us for Kickoff Sunday, Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the North Lawn.**

### 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**  
**Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator**  
**Laura Lechtenberg, Director of Preschool**  
**Gail Farnum, Director of Mothers' Day Out**

### Administrative and Facilities Staff

**Scott Schroeder, Business Manager**  
**Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead**  
**Elise Harkey, Office Manager**  
**Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager**  
**Sarah Rathbun, Financial Secretary**  
**Andrew Thorne, Handyman**  
**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.

# FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
"The Journey is Required"



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

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