

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!

Liturgists Today

8 a.m. Joan Carter; 9:30 a.m. Pam Raab; 11 a.m. Joan Carter

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 childcare 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 – Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Wing

Students, grades 6 – 12, are invited to join us for coffee and discussion of the Scripture for this week's sermon. Then we'll head to the Sanctuary to listen to the message.

Youth Worship Team Practice – 5:15 p.m. Youth Wing

Youth Group – 6–8 p.m. Youth Wing

Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

9:30 a.m.: Samaritan Class – Parlor; Serendipity Class – Village Commons; Upper Room Class – Upper Room

11:00 a.m.: Open Hearts Class – Village Commons; 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

“The Journey Is Our Home” Matthew 4:18-25; Hebrews 11:13-16

Music: 8:00 a.m. Kristen Smith, soprano;

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *Prelude in G Minor BWV 535* J.S. Bach
Prelude in G Major BWV 541 J.S. Bach

Welcome **Passing the Peace**

Prelude *Spirit of the Living God* arr. Lani Smith
Brenna Martin, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* UMH 561

Children's Time Lynette Szantho
Hymn *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

Anthem 8:00 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Larry Shackley
Brenna Martin, piano

9:30 & 11:00 *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

9:30 & 11:00 Prayer Response *Lead Me, Lord* Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Ruth 1:1-18 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Faith & Service Moment Lay Ministry Teams

Offering *Thank you for generously supporting our ministry.*

Offertory 8:00
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love arr. Lani Smith
Brenna Martin, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ

9:30 & 11:00 *The Greatest Gift Is Love* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir; Cynthia Drexler, violin

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

Scripture John 15:4-6 Liturgist

Sermon “The Journey is Shared” Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* UMH 566

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata in C Major* Gordon Young

† Stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Our Neighbors

Feeding the Homeless at Catholic Charities Mission

Must be 16 years of age or older unless with parent, then 13 is okay.

Mon., Sept. 18:

- 5:30–7:45 p.m. – 3 to 4 people to cook and serve dinner

Sat., Sept. 30:

- 9:30–11:30 a.m. – 3 people to prepare lunch
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – 4 people to serve & clean up lunch

CROP Walk for Hunger

Sun., Oct. 1:

Join other community participants in a 5K walk around Fort Collins to raise money to combat hunger and poverty here and around the world. (25% of proceeds go to Food Bank for Larimer County; 75% to Church World Service of which the United Methodist Church is a member.) Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker or two.

Sign-up sheets for these opportunities and more information available in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

Putnam Elementary

- 2 consistent volunteers to stuff folders, cut laminating, and make copies, **Mondays, 2–3 p.m.**
- 2 First grade **Reading Buddy** volunteers daily 9:40–10:25 a.m. Contact Janet Krech ajkrech@msn.com

Our **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is working tirelessly to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana and Hurricane Irma in Florida. The greatest immediate need is for hygiene kits and cleaning buckets. You can support this work first of all by praying for all concerned and secondly by donating through our church to UMCOR Advance #901670. (Make checks payable to FUMC, memo: UMCOR.) Or you may give online by visiting www.umcor.org. UMCOR is a registered 501(c)3 charity, and all gifts are tax deductible.

Senior Ministry

- **Thurs., Sept. 21, Third Thursday Lunch** resumes at 11:30 a.m. at Vern's Place in Laporte. Meet at the church South Lot at 11 a.m. if you would like to carpool. Email judydayregrim@gmail.com to RSVP or just come.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28, Talking about Walking** gets together each month 8:30–9:30 a.m. on fourth Thursdays. This month we will step out from the west side of the Senior Center for a motivational walk. Open to all.

The **UMW Peaks and Plains Annual District Conference** is Sept. 30 in Brighton. The theme this year is Refreshing Ourselves for Mission.

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Supper in the Spirit continues this Wednesday with a lineup of activities for people of all ages.

- 5:30–6 p.m.: Supper in the Parlor; suggested donation: \$6 per person or \$20 for family of 4 or more; no reservation needed
- 5:30–7 p.m.: Child care in the nursery
- 6–7 p.m.: God's Kids Chime Choir with David Adkins, Rhythm Road
- 6–7 p.m.: Activities for students K through grade 5 with Lynette Szanthy, Educational Wing
- 6–7 p.m.: Echo Groups for students grades 6-12 with Rebecca Dunagan, Youth Wing
- 6–7 p.m.: *The God We Know* book study with Dr. Melanie Rosa, Parlor
- 6–7 p.m.: *Awakening of Hope: Why We Practice Faith*, a drop-in DVD series, Wesley Commons
- 6–7:15 p.m.: Carillon Handbell rehearsal with Karen Stody, Choir Room
- 7–8 p.m.: *Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World* book study with David Reid, Wesley Commons

Faith & Service Moment



Today's video highlights *Lay Ministry Teams* presented by **Stewardship & Generosity Committee**

Thanks to all for the gifts and service that help make it possible to provide for these ministries and all ministries of our church..

Email officemanager@fcfumc.net if you would like more information about serving on a lay ministry team.

World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017

In honor of our Global Community we will celebrate Holy Communion with breads from around the world, including Bagels from Poland, Focaccia from Italy, Naan from Asia, Tortilla from Mexico, English Muffin from Great Britain, Pita Bread from Middle East, Stollen from Germany and Challah traditional Jewish Sabbath bread. As you receive the bread and cup, remember that **you** are part of the Church Universal, united in Christ across time and space.

The United Methodist Church special offering on this day provides undergraduate and graduate scholarships for U.S. ethnic and international students and also funds ethnic in-service programs. More information can be found in the October *Carillon* article or in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 Szanthy, *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 Mother's Day Out*

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Scott Schroeder, *Business Manager*
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September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"The Journey is Shared"



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

We have three worship services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (in the Chapel) 9:30 and 11:00 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.