

## 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. Bill Emslie; 9:30 a.m. Kate Norton; 11 a.m. John Allum

### 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: World Communion Sunday

"All Are One" Exodus 17:1-7; Galatians 3:23-29

Music: 8:00 a.m. Julia Kirkwood

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir, Alleluia Handbell Ensemble

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

**Gathering Music** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* J. Biery

**Welcome** **Passing the Peace**

**Prelude** *Andante on Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* J. Biery

**Presentation of Lillian Scott Foley Music Scholarship**

**Invocation** Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* UMH 122

**Do Small Things With Great Love Award** Putnam School

**Children's Time** Debbie Gillan & Janet Krech

**Hymn** *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

**Anthem 8:00** *Deep Peace (A Gaelic Blessing)* J. Rutter

**9:30 & 11:00** *With Verdure Clad from "Creation"* J. Haydn

Kristen Smith, soprano

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

**Scripture** Matthew 4:18-25 Liturgist

**Faith & Service Moment** Partnership with Putnam

**Offering** *Your generosity is making a difference!*

**Offertory 8:00** *With Verdure Clad from "Creation"* J. Haydn

**9:30 & 11:00** *The Journey Is Our Home* Allen Pote

Kristen Smith, soprano  
Sanctuary Choir

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

**Scripture** Hebrews 11:13-16 Liturgist

**Sermon** "The Journey Is Our Home" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549

† **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Toccata Festiva* F. Ritter

† Stand as you are able

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Putnam Opportunities

We have received several requests from Putnam teachers we need to fill as soon as possible, with varying levels of commitment. The first step is to register as a Poudre School District volunteer. Please visit [www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers](http://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers) and sign up with Putnam Elementary as your school. Then you will get regular updates on new needs.

**Vision, Hearing, and Dental Screening Day**, Wed., Nov. 8: – Putnam relies on First Church to provide vision and hearing testers, line management, and paper organization. We need twelve adults 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. and twelve more adults from 12:40–3:20 p.m., or stay all day with lunch provided.

**PRIDE Good Behavior Store**—On the following Thursdays, 2–2:30 p.m., we need three volunteers who can direct kids to the correct bins to spend points they earn for good behavior: Sept. 28; Oct. 12 & 26; Nov. 9; Dec. 7; Jan 11 & 25; Feb. 8 & 22; Mar. 8 & 22; Apr. 12 & 26; May 10 & 24.

### Weekly needs

First grade needs two consistent volunteers to stuff folders, cut laminating, and make copies. Mondays, 2–3 p.m.

First Grade needs two Reading Buddies, 9:40–10:25 a.m. during Literacy Centers. Choose your day.

### Faith & Service Moment



Today's video highlights *Partnership with Putnam* presented by **Stewardship & Generosity Committee**

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

**Serving Our Neighbors**—Info in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall

**Feeding the Homeless at Catholic Charities Mission**

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

**Sat., Sept. 30:**

- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. – four 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.

**Please join us on Sun., Oct. 1, 10:30–11 a.m.** when we formally dedicate our newly refurbished Fellowship Hall. Under the leadership and hard work of Dean Block, we now have an updated, appealing, and user-friendly space for fellowship, meals, meetings, concerts, lectures, special events, and best of all—storage! It looks wonderful, and we hope you can join us in celebrating this accomplishment.

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### New First Church Pictorial Directory

It is time for a new church directory. All who consider themselves a part of First Church are welcome to have a photo taken for the directory. In addition, you may bring your family members who are not affiliated with First Church to have family portraits taken for personalized greeting cards. Photography sessions are available on the following dates:

Oct. 24–28, Nov. 1–3, Nov. 8–11

Weekdays: 2–9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Please sign up online by going to our church website ([fcfumc.net](http://fcfumc.net)) and clicking on the photo sign-up link or sign up at the church on Sunday mornings.

All who get their pictures taken will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" photo and a paper copy of the church directory.

In conjunction with this new church directory, we will have a food drive. Please bring canned food for the Larimer County Food Bank when you come for your photography session.

### 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 at the Church & Society Table, Fellowship Hall.

### Senior Ministry

- **Thurs., Sept. 28, Talking about Walking** gets together each month 8:30–9:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday. This month we will step out from the west side of the Senior Center for a motivational walk. Open to all.
- **Fri., Oct. 13, Double Nickel Senior Lunch** presents the Stover Street Stompers in concert at noon in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$4, no reservations required, and all are welcome

### 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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### Adult Faith Formation

**Exodus in 7 Weeks:** Rev. Cynthia Paquette will lead this study of the second book of the Bible from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room beginning Oct. 4. No books to purchase; just bring your Bible, preferably NRSV. You **must register** at Adult Faith Formation table.

**Way of Love:** Author Norman Wirzba proposes that love is the heart of Christianity and yet "love" is seldom what comes to mind when we think of Christianity. That is the central problem that plagues the faith today, he writes. This new book study runs at noon in the Parlor and 7 p.m. in Wesley Commons on Wednesdays for six weeks beginning Oct. 11.

**Wednesday Suppers Continue:** Supper is available in the Parlor for \$6, followed by options for several adult classes and activities for children and youth.

A new men's group will start soon at First Church. **Adventures in Faith** will build our relationship with God and each other through weekly fellowship, periodic outings that take advantage of our beautiful surroundings and the diverse interests of the group's members, and an annual retreat. Come see Nick Rohrbacker in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service or email him at [nrohrback@gmail.com](mailto:nrohrback@gmail.com) for more information.

### Northern Colorado Faith Library

**Book of the Week:** *Ritual: Power, Healing and Community* by Malidoma Patrice Some, 299.64 SOM, is a detailed look at ritual that comes straight from the author's life and childhood in a small village in West Africa.

**Circulating Library:** The Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado, of which our library is a member, will bring its annual Circulating Library to Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, Oct. 1. Come browse through this year's featured selections and check out any book or DVD you find interesting. All items may be returned to our library regardless of their church home.

The **Trustees** are deeply grateful for all the volunteers who helped with the **Yard Sale** on Sept. 16. A lot of excess furnishings and what-not were sold or hauled off. There is space in our church closets once again.

### Anti-bullying Workshop

Saturdays, October 14 & 21, at First Church—This interactive workshop will give youth the skills to cope with a bully.

### Love Feast

Sun., Oct. 1: Please bring a plate of goodies to share during our Fellowship Time.

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September 24, 2017  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"The Journey Is Our Home"



**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.