

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

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.

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 8:00 Theresa Holbrook, 9:30 and 11:00 Rae Batch

Flowers:

Given by Wayne and Shirley Myers in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Given by the children and grandchildren of George Turner, in his memory.

Nursery/Childcare

A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagery are available upon request.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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.

For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.

Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m., 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.

Sunday Morning Adult Groups – Please join us.

8:00 a.m.: Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Village Commons

9:30 a.m.: Samaritan Class – Parlor; Serendipity Class –

Village Commons; Upper Room Class – Upper Room (Room 235)

11:00 a.m.: Open Hearts Class – Village Commons; CrossWalk Community – Youth Large Group Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Jacob's Ladder</i>	arr. Diane Bish
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Canticle</i>	G. Martin
Invocation		Rev. Linda Battello
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	UMH 98
9:30 Children's Time		
Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine (v. 1)</i>	UMH 585
Anthem	<i>Blessings</i> Laura Marshall Walters, soprano	Laura Story
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Linda Battello
Scripture	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 page 1426	Rev. Linda Battello
Offertory	<i>Draw Me Nearer</i> Laura Marshall Walters, soprano	Meredith Andrews
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† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	John 6:35, 41-51 page 1298	Liturgist
Sermon	"Build Up & Live ... In Love"	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	UMH 127
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>A Joyous Acclamation</i>	Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE CONFERENCE – AUGUST 28, 7 P.M.

Our August 28 Church Council meeting will be a specially called Charge Conference with the purpose of having a discussion and vote on restructuring Church Council. Your Church Council leadership team believes this will help facilitate more vibrant ministry and mission for First Church.

COMMUNITY AND WORLD MISSION

Vietnam Big Build Needs Your Support - A team of 11 including 7 from First Church will join dozens of teams from around the world in early November to build more than 20 houses in Vietnam. In addition to building a home for a family, we will build relationships with Vietnamese people and learn about their culture. Thrivent Financial and Habitat International have helped sponsor the Vietnam Big Build. If you want to be a part of this mission, purchase bricks at \$5 each. Make your gift to First Church with "Vietnam Build" designated. This will support bricks, mortar, tools, housing, and airfare for First Church participants who need help. More information is available in the Mission Corner.

WELCOMING, MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

First Church Kickoff Picnic! Let's kick off the school year with fun, food and fellowship! Enjoy games, face painting, music and more on Sunday, **August 26** from **4:30 – 7:00**. Choose an item to contribute to the meal from the display in Fellowship Hall – pulled pork, chicken, buns, vegetarian options and drinks will be provided. Friends and neighbors are welcome too!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Calling all people that have a heart for children and youth!

If you love spending time with kids and youth, this is the training for you! Please join us for the **Sunday School teacher/ Shepherd and Safe Sanctuary training on August 22nd from 6-8 p.m in Village Commons**. We will be reviewing the curriculum for our Fall Sunday school teachers as well as providing you with the Safe Sanctuary training to get you started for the school year. No experience necessary, just a desire to be a presence in a child's life. DINNER & CHILDCARE PROVIDED! Questions: Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net or Rebecca Dunagan at youth@fcfumc.net.

Acolytes needed! If your child is in 3rd-5th grade and would like to participate in an important part of Sunday services, please join us for Acolyte training on **August 26th at 10:45-11:30** in the Chapel. The commitment on behalf of your child is as much or as little as you choose. Questions: Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Church and Society Committee invites your participation in a series of three roundtable discussions on the important issue of how our faith affects our participation in the contemporary political scene. All opinions and points of view are welcome, as it is a certainty that Christians sharing openly together can emerge with a fuller understanding of our own belief systems, and a better appreciation of why someone else believes differently. Roundtable #1 is **Aug. 19** in the Parlor **after the 11:00 worship service**. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation.

PRAYER SHAWL KNIT-IN

Saturday, August 18, 9:30 – 11:30 in the church parlor. All knitters and crocheters **WELCOME!** Come help us expand our **Outreach Ministry** as we offer prayer squares to Poudre Valley Hospital patients and baby blankets to Teen Moms in Pine Ridge. Patterns, needles, yarns and mentors available!

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Watch Up with us: Our final Community Night on First Church Lawn is an extremely family friendly event on **Aug. 16**. This heart-tugging, computer-generated animation movie is about an elderly man and a boy taking flight with balloons. Bring something to grill, something to share, and something to sit on. Dinner is at **6:30** and the movie starts at sunset, **approximately 8 p.m.**

Nyala Ethiopian Cuisine: Meet Rev. Cynthia Paquette and others at the restaurant, 2900 Harvard St., Fort Collins, at **11:30 a.m. Aug. 17**. The restaurant uses organic, locally grown ingredients. Please register at Adult Faith Formation table or with c.paquette@fcfumc.net.

Videos to Challenge You: The **Aug. 15** videos feature sociologist and author Brene Brown. To access the videos in advance, contact davidreid24@gmail.com or drop by the Adult Faith Formation table. Advance viewing is not required; just show up at **noon** in the Parlor and be challenged.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory: Have you struggled with how to serve God? Do you know your spiritual gifts? This one-time, one-hour class will be offered on four dates -- **4-5 p.m. Aug. 30; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 4; 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 30** and **6:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 2**. Sign up at Adult Faith Formation table or email c.paquette@fcfumc.net.

Year-long Bible Study: Here's your chance to read the entire Bible in a year in a program designed by famed biblical scholar J. Ellsworth Kalas. Weekly group meetings will start this fall on Thursdays beginning **Sept. 6**. Participants can choose **12-1:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.** Info at AFF table or email c.paquette@fcfumc.net.

Read and be Grateful: Author Diana Butler Bass brings together a variety of sources – social science research, spiritual wisdom and contemporary issues – to develop new insights about the power of thankful living. Class meets at **noon** Wednesdays in the Parlor **Sept. 5-26**. Books are \$16 at Adult Faith Formation table or davidreid24@gmail.com.

Wednesday night Recharge: Here is the lineup of new offerings and contacts. We've dropped meal service on Wednesdays and none of the groups will meet on Halloween:

- **Financial Peace University – 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 5-Nov. 7**, is sponsored by the Stewardship and Generosity Team. Cost will be \$109 per family and scholarships are available. Advance registration required.
- **The Path Discipleship Journey** is a three-month process. Participants will meet **7-8 p.m. Sept. 5-Nov. 14** and in one-on-one meetings. **Meet with Rev. Cynthia before August 24 to start The Path.**
- **Yoga and Spirituality** – Rev. Kaitlin Elmore will offer a five-session yoga program **6-7 p.m. Sept. 26-Oct. 24**. Bring your mat; fee is \$5 per session.

NORTHERN COLORADO FAITH LIBRARY

Book of the Week: *Executing Grace: How the Death Penalty Killed Jesus and Why It's Killing Us* by Shane Claiborne, 261.833 CLA. Last week, Pope Francis changed Catholic guidance to oppose the death penalty, a penalty that Claiborne says continues in the United States only because of support from Christians.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume next **Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the choir room. If you enjoy singing please join us! Everyone (ages High School and up) is welcome.

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
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Joseph Noëlliste, Modern Worship Leader
Josh Colonnieves, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
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Coming Next Week: August 19
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Give Thanks & Move ... In Love"
Psalm 14, John 6:1-21

Music: Kristen Smith and Pablo Romero, vocalists

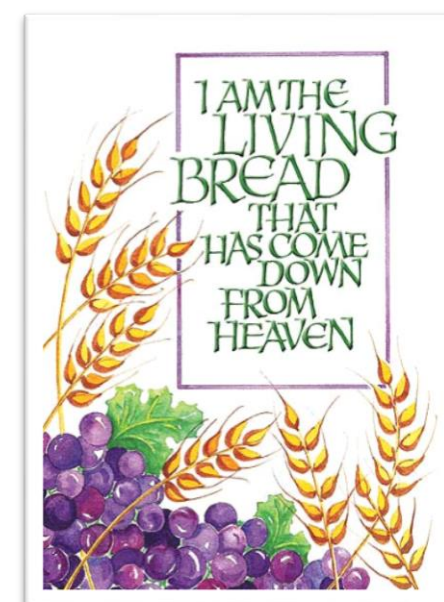
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August 12, 2018
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
"Build Up & Live ... In Love"



We are delighted to have you with us today.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 in the Chapel, 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary.

Faith Formation opportunities listed on the next page.

Food and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall just south of the Sanctuary.

May you be blessed because you joined us today!