

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 Stephanie Lane, 9:30 Joan Carter, 11:00 Bill Emslie

Nursery/Childcare

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

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY A.M.

Children's Sunday School Classes – 9:45 a.m.

Please sign your children in 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-4 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Grades 5th & 6th will meet in the Youth Basement for donut fellowship and Sunday School at 9:30. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location 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.

Weekly Youth Ministry-- Meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm in the youth wing for students in grades 6-12th, dinner is provided and friends are welcome. **Small Group Bible Study**- Meets every Tuesday night from 7:45-9pm at Mugs Coffee Shop on College for students in grades 9-12th, friends are welcome.

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. E. Childs

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude
8:00 *Renew Me, O Eternal Light* P. Manz

9:30 & 11:00 *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty* arr. K McChesney
Carillon Handbell Choir

Invocation Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *O Jesus I Have Promised* UMH 396

Children's Time Hymn
9:30 Hymn *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

Anthem
8:00 *Christ Be Beside Me* arr. D. Wyrzten
Kristen Smith, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* M. Wilberg
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prayer Response
9:30 & 11:00 *As the Deer* M. Nystrom
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Psalm 42:1-4 Liturgist
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Offertory
8:00 *Alleluia from 'Exsultate, Jubilate'* W. A. Mozart
Kristen Smith, soloist

9:30 & 11:00 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. V. Stephenson
Carillon Handbell Choir
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every \$1 bill goes directly to those in need.

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Scripture John 14:15-21 Liturgist
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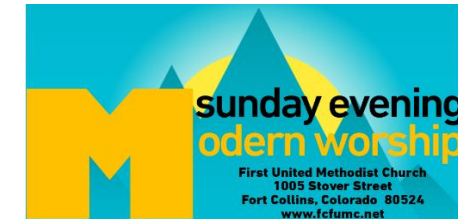
Sermon "Spiritual Literacy: Discipline" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Grace Alone* TFWS 2162

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Festival Postlude* Zipoli

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Widening the Circle ...

You're invited to join us for our Sunday evening **MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE**. The service begins at **5:00 pm each Sunday evening in Fellowship Hall**. Dinner follows the service, and everyone is welcome. Invite your neighbors and friends.

Children: Kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to join us just across the hall in the Parlor after the introductory portion of the MODERN Worship Service.

Children: Newborn-Preschool are welcome to check in to the fully staffed Nursery in the Southwest wing. Of course, you are also welcome to have your children stay with you during this family friendly service.

FUMC MINISTRY FAIR! Sunday, **September 30 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall**. View displays of the many activities of First United Methodist Church, learn what they do and how you can get involved. If you wish to have a display table please contact Theresa at 970-219-5960.

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH, would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, come to **Exploring First Church on September 30 at noon in the Parlor**. Enjoy a light lunch while our pastors present background on the United Methodist Church and the many ways to be involved at First Church. If you plan to attend, please email Membership@fcfumc.net or call (970) 482-2436. Childcare will be provided if requested ahead of time. New members will be received at all three worship services on October 21.

MISSION

UMCOR Our Committee on Relief is helping in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence recovery. If you wish to support these efforts, please write a check to the church and note UMCOR Advance #901670. You can find more information at [US Disaster Response, Advance #901670](https://www.usdisasterresponse.org/advance/#901670). You can also find a link for online donations at <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/responding-to-disaster>.

We will be **FEEDING THE HOMELESS** at **Catholic Charities Mission Kitchen Saturday, September 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** We need 2 volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Signup sheets are in the Mission Corner of the Fellowship Hall. Must be 16 years old to serve, unless accompanied by a parent.

CROP WALK is October 7th. Join us for a 5K (3.2 miles) walk around Fort Collins to raise money for the Larimer County Food Bank and Church World Service. Come to the Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall for information, forms and to sign up to walk or sponsor a walker.

Putnam Elementary has requested a lot of extra help from us this year, so please prayerfully consider volunteering. Contact Janet Krech ajkrech@msn.com, 225-0330 for specific opportunities. More details are available in the most recent edition of First Wire, The October edition of the Carillon, and on postcards at entrances to the building.

FAITH FORMATION

THE OPEN HEARTS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will host a re-created **Dorothy Day class today, Sunday September 23**. Day was considered one of the most influential Catholics in the 20th century as she lived her life in ministry with the poor and needy of America's cities. All are welcome to join us at **11:00 a.m. in the Village Commons**.

BISHOP OLIVETO'S STORY: Adult Faith Formation and the Northern Colorado Faith Library will co-sponsor a trip to **Trinity UMC in Denver at 7 p.m. Sept. 24** for the launch of Bishop Karen Oliveto's *Together at the Table: Diversity Without Division in the United Methodist Church*. Child care will be available at Trinity and the trip includes dinner and a chance to have your copy autographed. See David Reid, davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 for full details. This is the last day to sign up!

STUDY THE BISHOP'S STORY: Groups are being formed to study Bishop Karen Oliveto's new book, *Together at the Table: Diversity Without Division in the United Methodist Church*. Choose noon or 7 p.m. on Oct 3, 10, 17, and 24.

YOGA AND SPIRITUALITY Join Rev. Kaitlin Elmore in the Parlor for the first of five-sessions, Wednesdays **6-7 p.m. Sept. 26-Oct. 24**. Bring your mat; fee is \$5 per session.

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 at **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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, **October 2 from 5:30-7:30** at the Moot House on College just south of Drake. October's topic (thanks to Teddy Wintersteen) is "Where do you experience God?" Questions: Kate Norton, fff67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com.

The second **ROUNDTABLE, "CAN WE TALK"** will be **next week, September 30th at noon in Village Commons**, with a light lunch. Moderated discussion provides an opportunity for members in the Christian community to explore, listen, and hear while gaining a better appreciation of other's views. All are welcome. The next discussion is scheduled for October 21 at noon. Facilitated by Don Gaymon and the Church and Society Committee.

ADVENTURES IN FAITH: The 8 a.m. Sunday men's study group, is beginning a study of Mark's Gospel. Get in the loop by contacting Nick Rohrbacker at nrohrback@gmail.com

NORTHERN COLORADO FAITH LIBRARY, BOOK OF THE WEEK *Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition* by Kenneth L. Carder and Lacey C. Warner, 253 CAR, is a newly revised edition of the book about how to be a spiritual leader in the United Methodist Church.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF GROUP is starting up again on **September 25th**. If you have experienced the loss of someone please come and join us at **5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room**. Invite your friends, this group is open to anyone. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

SERMON SERIES: "Spiritual Literacy: Seeing the Sacred in Everyday Life"

September 30—"Spiritual Literacy: Rest" Hebrews 4:3-11; Matthew 11:27-30
October 7—"Spiritual Literacy: Incarnation" Psalm 26:1-8; John 1:1-14
October 14--"Spiritual Literacy: Enthusiasm" Hebrews 4:12-16; Ephesians 2:1-10
October 21—"Spiritual Literacy: Connections" 1 Corinthians 12:14-31
October 28—Spiritual Literacy: Commitment" Romans 1:8-17; Ephesians 2:1-10

Pastors

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

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Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, *Chaplain, Suncrest Hospice*

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Joseph Noëlliste, *Modern Worship Leader*
Josh Colonnieves, *Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)*
Brenna Martin, *Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)*

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Coming Next Week: September 30 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Series: Seeing the Sacred in Everyday Life
"Spiritual Literacy: Rest"
Hebrews 4:3-11; Matthew 11:27-30

8:00 Sarah Keller, cello
9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Choir,
5:00 p.m. Joseph Noelliste & Compass Band

URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595

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September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Spiritual Literacy: Discipline"



We are delighted to have you with us today.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 in the Chapel, 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary, 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall followed by dinner

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!