

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!

LITURGIST 8:00 Martha Conant, 9:30 Kelly McBartlett, 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell.

COMMUNION SERVERS 9:30 Lois Quintana, Barbara Cline, Dana Sampson; 11:00 Mary Ann Michels, Margaret Hotze.

FLOWERS given by Linda and Ted Schlagenhauf in loving memory of our parents and Linda's sisters, Sally and Peggy.

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

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

First Kids' Club – 9:45 a.m. First Kids' Club is offered on the first Sunday of each month for K-6 graders during the 9:30 a.m. service. Join us for an all-in-one service just for kids, led by Barb Grauberger and some of our amazing youth. Meet us in the Narthex after Children's Time, and we'll head to the Cinema Center for great music, fun skits, short engaging videos, Bible learning, and lots of worship. We will bring children back to their parents and guardians in the Sanctuary so families can participate in Communion together. 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.*

First Church Student Ministry

High School Small Group Bible Study-- Meets every Tuesday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at Wild Boar, friends are always welcome.

Youth Group-- Meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-8 pm in the Youth Wing for students in grades 6-12. Dinner is provided and friends are welcome.

Kindred CSU (A Wesley Foundation) Meets every Tuesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Wild Boar. Friends are always 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music
Variations on 'God of Grace and God of Glory' H. Hopson

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *Canticle* G. Martin

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† Call to Worship Liturgist

† Hymn of Praise *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173
(Sung to an alternative tune, Dix)

Children's Time (9:30) Barb Grauberger

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me, verses 1 & 3* UMH 191

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Psalm 99 page 742 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offertory (8:00) *God of Love Beyond All Wonder* John Roth
Dean Rieger, soloist

(9:30 and 11:00) *Canticle* Matthew Compton
Carillon Handbell Choir
Give online at fcfumc.net
Text to give at 77977, text message: FCFUMC
Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need

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

Scripture Luke 9:28-36 page 1260 Liturgist

Sermon "Down from the Mountain" Dr. Melanie Rosa

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church.

Communion Music (8:00) *Grace Medley* D. Wyrzten
Karen Stoody, piano

(9:30 and 11:00) *The Lord's Prayer* arr. C. Dobrinski
Song of the Wind A. Sherman
Carillon Handbell Choir

† Hymn of Dedication *Amazing Grace* UMH 378
Verses 1-4, 6

† Benediction

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* E. Broughton

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH


This morning's Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Mickie Watt. Thank you!

LISTENING SESSION WITH THE PASTORS AFTER GENERAL CONFERENCE You are invited to join us at **noon today in the Parlor** for a light lunch and discussion about General Conference and next steps for our church and the United Methodist church. All are welcome.

Today is the first Sunday of the month. We celebrate **LOVE FEAST** in the Fellowship Hall by bringing baked goods and snacks to share with our First Church friends. If you did not bring anything to share, please consider supporting the youth by purchasing from the Youth bake sale. **FIRST SUNDAY YOUTH BAKE SALE** in the Fellowship Hall! All proceeds will go to support the summer Youth mission trip. Thank you for your support!

FLAMINGO FLOCKS FOR SALE TODAY in Fellowship Hall. For just \$100, we'll place a flock on the yard of your choice for 24 hours. Want to avoid the unsightly yard ornaments from gracing your lawn? Purchase anti-flocking insurance for \$25 before someone "flocks" you. **Flocking will take place the week of March 8-15th.** All proceeds go to support youth mission trips.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Join us on **March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!** Come enjoy good food and lots of fun activities for your children! Proceeds will go to support summer Youth mission trips.



ASH WEDNESDAY Join us on **March 6**, as we begin the season of Lent. We will have a simple service of worship including the imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This service will be under an hour, and you are encouraged to join us for a time to pause and reflect as Lent begins.

You can help support the **150TH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** by purchasing a commemorative ornament for \$20. Please contact Mary Ann Michels at mamichels58@gmail.com for more information.

LOST AND FOUND is full! We will be displaying the lost and found items in the administration hall today, and then the items left unclaimed will be donated on Monday March 4.

CONNECT WITH US! If you would like to receive our weekly church email or our monthly newsletter by email, please sign up by going to our website at www.fcfumc.net, click Media/Communications and sign up for the newsletter or weekly e-news.

SERMONS ONLINE All of our sermons are now on the church website at www.fcfumc.net. Click Media in the right hand corner, then Sermons to listen online.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES"

March 10: First Sunday in Lent, Luke 13:31-35
"The God of Second Chances: Temptation"

March 17: Second Sunday in Lent, Luke 18:9-14
"The God of Second Chances: The Humble"

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent, John 4:4-18
"The God of Second Chances: Samaritan Woman"

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
"The God of Second Chances: Prodigals"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

HAGEN LECTURE PREP Get acquainted with Hagen Lecturer Willie Jennings, of Yale Divinity School, at this one-session class that will look at a recent essay by Dr. Jennings in *The Christian Century*. Class sessions at noon or 7 p.m. April 1 with David Reid. **ORDER JENNINGS BOOK** If you'd like Dr. Willie Jennings to autograph your copy of his prize-winning book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*, you can order a copy in advance for \$25 at the AFF table. Books will not be sold at the April 8 lecture.

LENTEN STUDY Rev. Cynthia Paquette will lead discussions of *Entering the Passion of Jesus* on **Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m. during Lent March 13, 27; April 3, 10, 17**. This new work by Amy-Jill Levine, of Vanderbilt Divinity School, analyzes the risks and motives of the Passion story's characters and looks at the risks faced by anyone who follows Jesus. Books: \$15.

BEING HUMAN New dates for this study: **March 13, 27 and April 3 and 10 at either noon or 7 p.m.** Copies available at the AFF table in Fellowship Hall for \$10. Rowan Williams, former archbishop of Canterbury, is the author. David Reid facilitates.

BOOK SALE HELP Sign up at the Adult Faith Formation table to help set up and take down the book sale display or help with the sales on **March 8, 9, 10**.

THEOLOGY ON TAP will meet on **Tuesday March 5, 6:30 p.m. at the church following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. Our topic is "Cliché~ Value or No Value?" Contact for information: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com.

DOUBLE NICKEL March 8, 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us as Robbie Fisher, Laura Davis and Cindi Ross-Bell share the excitement of the Big Build Vietnam mission trip with a slide show presentation and stories of their experience. Lunch is \$4, No reservation is necessary.

CAN WE TALK? Sunday **March 17, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor**. Light lunch will be served. This is a panel discussion about what our role may be as members of a faith community and what our impact for positively affecting the culture of our political system may look like? Come to the Church and Society table in Fellowship Hall for more information.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

The **2019 Grant Program of the Foundation for the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins** will begin on **March 1**. Grant money is available for church committees and groups to be used for programs, equipment and services that are typically not funded through the church operating budget. **Grant Application Timeline March 1-29:** Grant applications may be picked up in the church office. Applications will also be placed in committee mailboxes. **March 29 Deadline:** Completed grant applications with the **required** necessary signatures completed and submitted. **April 24 Review:** and decisions. **May 2-May 5 Notification:** of application status and determination of funding amount. If you would like additional information about the Foundation Grant Program, please contact Judy Sayre Grim at JudySayreGrim@gmail.com. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help the Foundation grow in capability, please contact Rick Norton at RickNorton14@msn.com

MISSIONS

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL needs volunteers to hear from kids about their Science Fair projects. Please contact Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com or call 225-0330 for information on dates and times.

A Message from Dr. Melanie Rosa

Very discouraging news has come out of the United Methodist General Conference. The Traditional Plan passed, while the One Church Plan was defeated. The Traditional plan which seeks to enshrine discrimination toward LGBTQ people was largely unconstitutional and very regressive. The worst parts of the plan were not passed and will not take effect. 2/3 of American United Methodists do not support this plan and did not vote for it. The international majority overwhelmingly did, representing countries that have very intolerant policies as far as LGBTQ rights are concerned.

With all of the negative publicity the UMC is receiving, many of us are horrified and deeply embarrassed. Traditionalists did achieve something, but far less than they had hoped. This has activated passionate resistance across the church among moderates and centrists, as well as progressives. People are mobilizing to rise up and resist the injustice and oppression that was on full display during General Conference.

Our church will not discriminate against anyone. I will relinquish my Ordination before I will lead an oppressive and unjust organization. LGBTQ sisters and brothers will continue to be treated as precious children of sacred worth and will continue to offer leadership and service in our church. We will not compromise our commitment to full inclusion.

What happens next? We will worship together this Sunday. We will feed hungry people, and care for the sick and sad. We will study together, eat donuts, laugh, cry and do our best to love one another and our neighbors in need. We will try to live and love like Jesus.

I want to thank those visionary people in this church who did the hard work of helping us become a Reconciling Congregation. This means that we boldly and publicly stand on the side of inclusion and justice, particularly for those in our LGBTQ family who have been marginalized and demonized by Christianity for far too long. The church split over slavery, was divided over the ordination of women, and now we will deal with sexual orientation. Our church will stand on the right side of history. Our church will be a light in this darkness. Love will prevail.

My friends please continue to support our church, we need you now more than ever. Pray for our church and its leaders, as well as Bishop Karen Oliveto, who is a competent, visionary leader worthy of our respect.

I love you, First Church family.

Ultimately nothing can separate us from the love of God we find in Jesus Christ, not even the church.

Coming Next Week: March 10
First Sunday in Lent
"The God of Second Chances:
Temptation"
Luke 13:31-35

5:00 p.m. Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall,
followed by dinner.
All are welcome!



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March 3, 2019

Communion Sunday / Transfiguration Sunday



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 are 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!