

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 John Allum, 9:30 Pam Raab, 11:00 Theresa Holbrook

FLOWERS are given by Lloyd and Jean Helper in celebration of both of their March birthdays.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Paggers 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

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 5 and 6 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 STUDENT MINISTRY (Friends are always welcome)

High School Small Group Study meets every Tuesday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at Wild Boar on College. **Youth Group (grades 6-12)** meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Dinner is provided. **Kindred Small Group (College and Young Adults)** meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Wild Boar on College, coffee and food provided.

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	<i>Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i> <i>Prelude in G Minor</i>	J.S. Bach J.S. Bach
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	M. Burkhardt
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	UMH 463
Children's Time (9:30)		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine (Vs. 1)</i>	UMH 585
Anthem		
(8:00)	<i>Prelude in B Minor</i> Louise Thornton, piano	F. Chopin
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>Maya's Prayer for Peace</i> Sanctuary Choir	Tom Trenny
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response		
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Lloyd Larson
Scripture	Psalm 63:1-8 page 711	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> Louise Thornton, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ	arr. Joel Raney
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† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	John 4:4-18 page 1293	Liturgist
Sermon	"The God of Second Chances: The Samaritan Woman"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	W&S 3093
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Psalm 20</i>	B. Marcello

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



2019 IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR OUR CHURCH. It is our 150th year of serving this community. The church was officially established in 1869 and was the very first church in Fort Collins. We have some wonderful events planned all year, including giving back to our community. Please join us often this year as we celebrate 150 years and look toward the next 150.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted today by Minnie Krueger.

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH If you are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church in general, First Church in particular, or you are considering membership at First Church, please join us today at **12:00 p.m. in the Parlor** for an informative gathering. A light lunch will be served. Childcare is provided if you've requested it in advance. New members will be received at all worship services on March 31.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN invite you to join them **today** in Fellowship Hall as they celebrate 150 years of ministry making a difference in the world through mission and advocacy programs for women, children and youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES in Larimer County is sponsoring a free showing of the film "Quartet" at **1:30 p.m. on Thursday March 28 in the Cinema Center** here at First Church. Attendees will be asked to complete a short 5 minute survey before and after watching this charming movie. Because space is limited, please sign up with David Reid, davidreid24@gmail.com. Bring a friend.

HAGEN LECTURE PREP Get acquainted with Hagen Lecturer Willie Jennings, of Yale Divinity School, at this one-session class. 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 award-winning book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* for \$25 at the AFF table. Books will not be sold at the **April 8 lecture**.

HAGEN LECTURE is **April 8 at 7:00 p.m.** here at **First Church**. Willie Jennings, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies, Yale Divinity will be speaking on *Living a Revolutionary Love: How to Be a Christian in a Racial World*. "We live in a country that has given into the racial antagonism that structures our lives. Christians are yet to take hold of the revolutionary love that should mark how we imagine life together."

LAY SERVANT CLASSES **April 6, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m., April 7 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. at First UMC Loveland.** The "Basic Course" and "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts" will be offered. The cost for each class is \$15, lunch and snacks are included in this fee. Please contact Judy Stout at jstout@lpbroadband.net or 303-956-2080 for information and/or to register. Note: Pastor's recommendation is required for the "Basic Course".

KING SOOPER'S GROCERY GIFT CARDS benefiting the UMW- EOM Kitchen Project, is changing the way they support the project when reloaded after **April 1**. Come by the grocery card table in the Fellowship Hall to find out how to continue to use your card in support of the project, or call Dea Carroll at 970-223-6530 for more information.

MISSIONS



Our first **HABITAT STONE SOUP BUILD DAY** of the year is **Saturday, April 6 from 8AM to 3:30PM**. The house is part of the Harmony Cottages addition at the corner of Taft Hill and Harmony. Please sign up in the Mission Corner for construction and/or lunch preparation. Builders will be guided by a construction manager and are not required to have any special skills. We always have fun!



UMCOR SUNDAY is **Sunday March 31**, there will be a special offering. UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing, underwrites the administrative and operational costs of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) so that 100% of designated funds go to the intended projects in the U.S. and around the world. Together, we do more!



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS Please consider purchasing an Easter flower to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$15 per plant. Form and payment must be received in the offering plate or the office **by Sunday April 8**. Flowers are locally grown, and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Easter morning.

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.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES"

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

APRIL 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion, Luke 22:54-65
"The God of Second Chances: Risking Reputation"

APRIL 14: Palm/Passion Sunday, Luke 19:28-40
"The God of Second Chances: Hosanna"

APRIL 18: Special Music Program at 5:00 Modern Service
Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
Schubert Mass by First UMC Windsor & Fort Collins Choirs
Holy Communion

APRIL 19: Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
"Seven Last Words of Christ" by FUMC Choir

APRIL 21: Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12
"The God of Second Chances: Resurrection"

Pastors

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

Deacons

Rev. Sue Harmon, Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital
Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, Chaplain, Pathways Hospice, Poudre Valley Hospital

Music Staff

David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications
Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries
Joseph Noëlliste, Modern Worship Leader
Josh Colonnieves, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
Brenna Martin, Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, Director of Children and Family Ministries
Rebecca Dunagan, Youth and Family Minister and Kindred CSU Minister
David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library
Laurie Elliott, Childcare Coordinator
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator
Laura Lechtenberg, Director of Preschool
Gail Farnum, Director of Parent's Day Out

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Scott Schroeder, Business Manager
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URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595

Coming Next Week: March 31
Fourth Sunday in Lent / New Members Received
"The God of Second Chances:
The Prodigals"
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent
"The God of Second Chances:
The Samaritan Woman"



You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

Sunday Worship Services are at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!