

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 Bill Emslie, 11:00 Stephanie Lane, 5:00 Melissa Mueller.

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		
(8:00)	<i>Sortie</i>	Th. Dubois
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus</i>	Jeff Cranfill
	First Church Chamber Orchestra	
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude		
(8:00)	<i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	M. Burkhardt
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	Jeff Cranfill
	First Church Chamber Orchestra	
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UMH 400
Reception of New Members		
Children's Time (9:30)		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine (Vs. 1)</i>	UMH 585
Anthem		
(8:00)	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	arr. Tim Doran
	Brenna Martin, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute	
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>In My Father's House</i>	Phillip Stopford
	Sanctuary Choir	
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 32:1-7 page 686	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory		
(8:00)	<i>Jesus, My Cross I Have Taken</i>	L. Shackley
	Brenna Martin, piano	
(9:30 and 11:00)	<i>Toccata on 'Assurance'</i>	Kiyo Watanabe
	Karen Stoodly, Organ	
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† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 page 1271	Liturgist
Sermon	"The God of Second Chances: The Prodigals"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i> W&S 3104 VS 1, 2 and 3	
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Chromatic Fugue</i>	J. Pachelbel

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 Lois Quintana.

UMCOR SUNDAY (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is today. This special offering underwrites the administration 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. Make checks payable to FUMC and memo: UMCOR. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

HAGEN LECTURE PREP Get acquainted with Hagen Lecturer Willie Jennings, of Yale Divinity School, at this one-session class. Class session **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**.

THEOLOGY ON TAP will meet from **5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 2 at Cafe Vino**, 1200 South College, on the corner of College and Edwards. Our topic will be "Angels in the Doubtfield: The REAL Agenda of Heavenly Beings". All are welcome! Questions: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com.

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."

DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON **Friday, April 12 at 12 noon.** Dr. Gerald Olsen, retired ophthalmologist of the Eye Center of Northern Colorado, will be our guest presenter. Dr. Olsen is a noted international traveler and avid photographer. He will be sharing pictures and insights from his many travels to Africa. Best lunch in town, \$4! Everyone is welcome. Reservations not necessary.

BASEBALL COMMUNITY We're recruiting a team to explore *Baseball as a Path to God: Seeing Beyond the Game* by John Sexton. Sexton says we need to slow the pace of life to know God and baseball can help. Meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in May and June, plus a Rockies game. Don't let a 2-week vacation stop you from participating. Co-facilitators Jack Rogers and David Reid. Books: \$12.



Charissa Dull



Margaret Janson



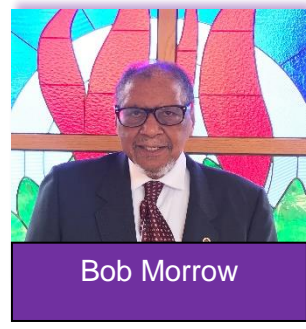
Kristen Schwartz



Truman and Margaret Sager



Sandra Meyer



Bob Morrow



Karen and Mike Contos

Bill Ferguson, no photo available
Jean Messinger, no photo available

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *Heresies and How to Avoid Them: Why it Matters What Christians Believe*, 273 QUA, edited by Ben Quash and Michael Ward. Explains principal ancient heresies and why contemporary Christians need to know about them.

KING SOOPERS 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.



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.

UMW TEA is on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Tickets are on sale in Fellowship Hall on Sunday March 31 and April 7. For more information contact Julie Wilson at 226-5925.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT is on **Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rain or Shine.** Please bring a dozen filled eggs (per child) to the Media Center or the church office by Thursday April 18. Contact Barb Graubeger, childrensdirector@fcfumc.net

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY has for 13 years been creating shawls to bring comfort to those in need of a loving touch. Our shawls have gone from coast to coast and beyond. On Sunday, April 7 please stop by the Congregational Care Table in Fellowship Hall. Shawls will be available for your choosing. We look forward to meeting you!

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES"

- 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"
Special Music Program at 5:00 Modern Service
- APRIL 18:** 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"



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March 31, 2019

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
"The God of Second Chances:
The Prodigals"
Reception of New Members**



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!