

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

The Vision of First Church is to be an inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

**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 seek 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 a.m. Jack Rogers, 9:30 a.m. Kate Norton, 11:00 a.m. Theresa Holbrook

**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 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 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 outside the Sanctuary. The teachers 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 a.m. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following the service.

*For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags and notebooks are available at the Sanctuary entrance.*

### 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

**BOOK OF THE WEEK:** *Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo, YR Fic, is a story of summer friendships that is launched when Raymie tries to win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition in an effort to win back her father.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Fantasia in A minor</i>	J.S. Bach
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	How Firm a Foundation	arr. C. Callahan
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH 384

### Reception of New Members

Children's Time (9:30)		Barb Grauberger
Hymn	<i>Spirit Song (refrain only)</i>	UMH 347
Anthem	<i>Larghetto from Bassoon Concerto in A minor</i>	A. Vivaldi Ethan Shuler, bassoon

Eastside Park Project Dr. Melanie Rosa

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Scripture Psalm 100  
page 742 Liturgist

Offertory *Allegro from Bassoon Concerto in A minor* A. Vivaldi  
Ethan Shuler, bassoon

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

Scripture Proverbs 17:27-28 Rev. Cynthia Paquette  
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Sermon Mentors in Faith: Thomas Merton Dr. Melanie Rosa

† Hymn of Dedication *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

† Benediction

Postlude *Gloria* W.A. Mozart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you would like to sign up for flowers for Sunday Worship, the cost is \$50. You would be free to take them home after service or donate to our Flower Delivery Ministry. Signup sheets are under the flower calendar in the office hallway.

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES:** Our summer sermon series will examine some impressive mentors in faith as we learn more about those who have found deep meaning, courage and delight in the Christian story. Learning about their lives will be an inspiration for ours. Please join us! July 7 – “Mentors in Faith: Dorothy Day”; July 14 – “Mentors in Faith: Sojourner Truth”; July 21 – “Mentors in Faith: Watchman Nee”; July 28 – “Mentors in Faith: Francis of Assisi.”

### WELCOMING HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP

**GET CONNECTED THROUGH FIRST CHURCH APP:** Please take a moment to download our First Church App. **Text fcumcapp to 77977 (or 779-77)** and follow the instructions. If you are asked to enter a keyword, enter **fcumcapp** again. Choose the areas that you are interested in receiving reminders and information about. The app is in early stages of use and will be modified to be as user friendly and effective as possible over the first few months of use. Want to know what is happening at your church? **WE HAVE AN APP FOR THAT!!** If you need assistance, please go to one of the “Get Connected” tables in Fellowship Hall between services.

### MISSIONS

**BACKPACK PROGRAM:** When you are out shopping, please remember we will be collecting donations for the “BACKPACK” program in August. In addition to backpacks we need pencils, notebooks, pens, rulers, glue, and small packs of Kleenex. A tub will be in fellowship hall for collections. Information – [jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com)

**FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY:** Please join us **July 7-14** as we host four families experiencing homelessness. Each day/evening volunteers are needed as dinner cooks, evening hosts, overnight hosts, Saturday pancake breakfast cooks, and set-up and take-down assistants on both Sundays. Job descriptions & sign-up sheets are in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** A HUGE THANK YOU to the entire congregation for supporting the youth mission trip to Alaska with your prayers and financial support, we had an incredible experience working hard while serving others. We grew together as a team and we had an awesome day rafting and hiking in Denali National Park. We could not have done it without the generous support from all of you. Thanks so much for making a lasting impact on the students and leaders!

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**GRIEF GROUP:** If you are working through the difficult times coping after the death of a loved one, the Grief Group will welcome you. Sharing the ways to help make it through life after loss can be helpful. Group meets July 2 and 16 in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. – Information [jodhop@hotmail.com](mailto:jodhop@hotmail.com)

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Today we celebrate, say a huge THANK YOU, and say farewell to Rebecca Dunagan and her ministry with us at First Church and the Youth Ministry. Please join us for a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall between 9 and 11 a.m. Thank you very much, Rebecca and all the best for your future!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Kate and Rick Norton. Thank you for your valuable service!



**2019 IS A SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR FIRST CHURCH.** We celebrate 150 years of inspiring, blessing, and serving our neighbors. In honor of this milestone we are giving a gift to our shared community. Partnering with the city of Fort Collins, we have agreed to help refurbish **Eastside Park** (behind Laurel Elementary School). This is one of the most stressed and neglected parks in Fort Collins, right in our neighborhood. You can learn more about how you can support this project in Fellowship Hall. Help us celebrate 150 years as we prepare for the next 150 years.

August 25 - Old Fashioned Picnic  
October 19 - Service Day  
October 20 - Grand Celebration

### DID YOU KNOW?...

In 1896, the Methodists welcomed Rev. George Avery from Rochester, NY, to be their Senior Pastor. Rev. George's brother, Mr. Franklin Avery, was a key financial supporter of the church, and the founder of **First National Bank**. Mr. Franklin laid out the City's streets in 1873, (at age twenty-three) and built the historic **Avery House** on Mountain Avenue.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

**THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST:** Rev. Melanie will facilitate a study of this new offering from Father Richard Rohr at noon on July 9, 16, 23 and 30, in the Parlor. "(Rohr) is helping Christianity to reclaim its soul anew," says Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in America. Books: \$17.

**GAME NIGHT AND UKULELES:** Plymouth Ukulele Club will perform, and board games will be available to play at the July 11 Community Night on the lawn. Dinner and games: 5:30-7:30. Bring something to grill, something to share, and something to sit on.

**DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON:** Celebrate your patriotism and freedom at Double Nickel Luncheon July 12, noon, Fellowship Hall. The Stover Street Stompers will inspire us with a medley of favorite tunes and our Boy Scout Troop 93 will lead us in a patriotic ceremony by posting the colors. Best lunch in town, \$4 Reservations not needed.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Will meet on Tuesday, July 2, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tap and Handle, 307 South College. In honor of July 4, our topic will be "Patriotism." All are welcome to join in the conversation. Questions: Kate Norton, [fif67@live.com](mailto:fif67@live.com) or Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com).

## New Members to First Church

Joining at 9:30 a.m.



Lisa Fenton-Free

Bree Barton and  
Jen Dias with  
Rue, Riley & Elliot



Joining at 11:00 a.m.



Jeff and Amy Librant

### Coming Next Week: July 7

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion  
"Mentors in Faith: Dorothy Day"  
Psalm 66:1-4; Matthew 25:31, 41-46

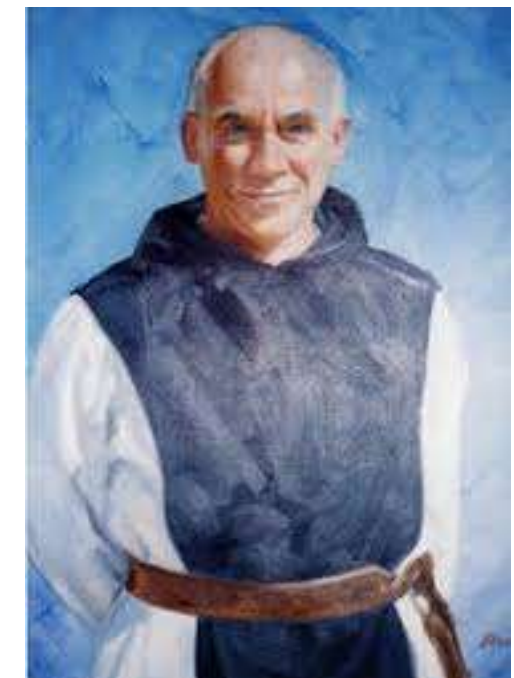
5:00 p.m. Modern Worship followed by dinner



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June 30, 2019  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
"Mentors in Faith: Thomas Merton"



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

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