

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. Nancy Symes, 9:30 a.m. Mike Kohler, 11:00 a.m. Jerry Wiese

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 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: 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-6 meet outside the Sanctuary. The teachers will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following services.

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: *Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith* by Douglas John Hall, 239 HAL. Hall probes fundamental religious questions and wrestles with the value of basic Christian convictions about Jesus and God, about religious belief and the human predicament, about inauthentic forms of Christianity, about what is missing in human life today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>My Soul Longs for Thee</i> and <i>Fantasia and Imitation</i>	J.S. Bach
Welcome		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Prelude	<i>We Greet Thee, Jesus Christ</i>	J.S. Bach
Invocation		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	UMH 568
Children's Time 9:30 Hymn	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	Barb Grauberger TFWS 2233
Anthem	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i> Anne Lonowski, soloist	Michael Joncas
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Scripture	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 page 1465	Liturgist
Offertory	<i>Blessings</i> Anne Lonowski, soloist	Laura Story
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† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Luke 12:32-40 page 1267	Liturgist
Sermon	"From Seeing to Envisioning"	Dr. Bob Firebaugh
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Forth in Thy Name, O Lord</i>	UMH 438
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Postlude on 'Hymn to Joy'</i>	C. Callahan

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.

MISSIONS

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION: is to Discover God's Love; Inspire Hope; Grow in Faith and Serve with Joy. Joining the Welcome Desk team is an opportunity to serve First Church by offering a smile and warm welcome to visitors. By serving at the Welcome Desk for just 30 minutes a month, you can quite literally change someone's life! Contact Welcome Center team leader Pam Metzger to learn more and get involved – pammetzger3531@comcast.net or 970-430-0062.



EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT: A Gift to our Community in Honor of 150 years! In 1869, our leaders made a bold impact in our community when they formed First Church. To honor this legacy, FUMC is spearheading a collaborative investment in our neighborhood through the improvement of Eastside Park. The park, located

to the northeast of FUMC and adjacent to Laurel Elementary School, needs revitalization to transform the area into a safe and meaningful community space. Our goal is to raise \$245,000 for physical improvement and programming for the park. To date, our community and congregation have committed \$143,295 in support to this effort. We would appreciate an opportunity to share details for the project and answer any questions in individual meetings. Please contact Stacy Plemmons, Emily Land, Heidi Priebe or David Reid. Thanks

FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER RELAXATION: Yoga, Mindfulness and Labyrinth will provide a variety of meditative experiences Aug. 21-23, as well as opportunities to walk the church's labyrinth. Pick up a flyer with the full schedule at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall.

TALKING IN CHURCH: A study of C. Christopher Smith's new book, *How the Body of Christ Talks: Recovering the Practice of Conversation in Church*, begins Sept. 11, at noon and 7:00 p.m. Smith says this is our most-needed spiritual practice. David Reid facilitates. Books: \$12.

GRIEF GROUP: Those of us that are experiencing the loss of a friend or relative sometimes need to share our story and hear how others cope with loss. The Grief Group will meet on August 20, in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. Come, join us, bring a friend for support if you need. Information – jodhop@hotmail.com

GRIEF, COURAGE AND HEALING: Fort Collins author Jane Nicolet hosts an interactive discussion using concepts from her recent book, *Finding Grace: Journeys of Grief, Courage and Healing* at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Co-sponsors are the Grief Group and Adult Faith Formation.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given from Wayne and Shirley Myers in celebration of their 59 years of wedded bliss.

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

ALASKA MISSION TRIP APPRECIATION LUNCH: Youth Stockholders please join us for an Appreciation Lunch today at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



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?...

The **Fort Collins Municipal Railway** (the **trolley**) operated from **1906** until June 30, **1951**. A ticket cost 5¢. The town was the last in the U.S. to end streetcar service. The old tracks are still visible in the pavement on East Oak Street. **Birney Car #21** was salvaged and placed in Library Park, but deteriorated badly. In the 1990s, volunteers began restoring it, and today #21 operates along West Mountain Avenue every summer.

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HIGH SCHOOL SUNSET HIKE TO HORSETOOTH ROCK: Thursday, August 15, 5:30 p.m. **Horsetooth Falls, 6550 W County Rd 38 E, Fort Collins, CO 80526.** Any rising 9-12 grader is welcome and encouraged to join us as we'll enjoy nature. We will hike the loop trail, have a picnic style meal, and enjoy the beautiful colors of the sun setting before returning to the trailhead/parking lot. Please bring proper hiking attire (athletic clothes and shoes, head lamp or flashlight if you have it, a backpack to carry your belongings), plenty of water, and your own packed portable meal for dinner on the hike. Transportation is not provided, students are encouraged to carpool, and should be dropped off at the trailhead parking lot. Those needing a ride, can ride with Josh (he has 4 spots in his car) and should meet him at church at 4:45 p.m. Cost: \$6 entry fee per car into the park. For information, contact Josh Malave at youth@fcfumc.net, or 502-909-6142

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNIT-IN: Saturday August 17, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Church Parlor. Fall yarns, Mentors and needles/hooks are waiting to welcome you!

Pastors

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

Music Staff

David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications
Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries
Joseph Noëlliste, Modern Worship Music Leader
Josh Colonnives, 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
Josh Malave, Director of Youth and Family Ministries
David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library
Laurie Elliott, Childcare Coordinator
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator
Kelly Boettger, Director of Preschool
Gail Farnum, Director of Parent's Day Out

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager
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August 11, 2019
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
"From Seeing to Envisioning"



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

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