

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. Karen Waldron, 9:30 a.m. Mike Kohler, 11:00 a.m. Martha Conant

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

FIRST KID'S 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. 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. Preschoolers will adjourn to room 121 after the Children's time and participate in fun, engaging activities with our Nursery staff. Please pick up your preschooler after 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: *Christian Hospitality and Muslim Immigration in and Age of Fear*, by Matthew Kaemingk, 261.27 KAE. How should Christians respond to the arrival of millions of Muslims in Europe and North America in the last 50 years. This book reframes the question in theological terms.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *Suite on 'The Church's One Foundation'* R. Hobby

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude 8:00 *Reflection* R. Hobby
9:30 and 11:00 *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Tom Doran
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *In Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS 2221

Children's Time 9:30
Hymn *We Are the Church* Barb Grauberger
(Refrain only) UMH 558

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prayer Response
9:30 and 11:00 *Feed Us, O Lord* McCray
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Psalm 112:1-7 Rev. Cynthia Paquette
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Offertory 8:00 Calvin McConnell, violin; Nancy McConnell, piano
9:30 and 11:00 *Draw the Circle Wide* Miller
Sanctuary Choir

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

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 Liturgist
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Sermon "Better Together: Belonging" Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

Communion Music 8:00 *Jesus Is All the World to Me* arr. M. Hayes
Karen Stoody, Piano
9:30 and 11:00 *Amazing Grace, Be Still My Soul, Ave Maria* arr. T. Doran
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* UMH 557
Vs. 1, 3 and 4

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude on 'For the Beauty of the Earth'* C. Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



SEPTEMBER SERMONS: Our "Better Together" series will highlight how we were created to be connected and together. This is essential for our happiness and well-being, especially in a time of increasing isolation and fragmentation. September 8 – "Better Together: Accepting," (5:00 **Modern Service Kickoff and First Anniversary Celebration**), September 15 – "Better Together: Enduring," September 22 – "Better Together: Serving," September 29 – "Better Together: Encouraging."

FIRST CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are updating our church Pictorial Directory. If you are new to our congregation after the 2017 pictorial directory was published, or missed the photographers last time, please come and have your picture taken. All who consider themselves a part of First Church are welcome to have a photo taken for the directory. In addition, you may bring your family members who are not affiliated with First Church to have family portraits taken for personalized greeting cards. Photography sessions are available on Sept. 23 & 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please sign up online by going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0vbjhs/> or at the church on Sunday mornings by the Welcome Center. All who get their pictures taken will receive a complimentary 8"x10" photo and a paper copy of the church directory. No purchase necessary, however, Lifetouch will donate 5% of all purchases back to the church.

MISSIONS

EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT: A Gift to our Community in Honor of 150 years!

To honor the legacy of our founding members, FUMC is spearheading a collaborative investment in our neighborhood through the improvement of Eastside Park. FUMC is raising \$245,000 for physical improvement and programming for the park. Now is your chance to be involved. Please consider a gift to

this project separate from your regular giving to our ministry. \$165,632 has been committed by church and community members thus far. October 19 FUMC is hosting a Community Work-Day and will begin the physical renovation. Please consider joining us both financially and physically. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Plemmons, Emily Land, Heidi Priebe, or Lisa Fenton-Free.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Want to get away during the cold winter month of February for a week? Join us in Middle Keys Florida from February 9-15 for a fun-filled working mission trip with Habitat for Humanity. Information meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8 and Sunday September 22. Both meetings are at 10:45 in the Gathering Place. Please plan to attend one of these meetings if you are interested in learning more about this heart-felt mission. Stop by the Mission table in Fellowship Hall or contact Cindi Ross-Bell (falcor@frii.com) for more details.



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Jeff and Sarah Johnson.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Dave and Kristen Rubenthaler. Thank you for your valuable service!

THROUGHOUT 2019 we have celebrated 150 years of First Church inspiring, blessing and serving our community. Our final celebration will be the weekend of **October 19-20**. We will have a day of service in our neighborhood on Saturday morning and a 150th Gala Celebration Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:00. This will be a festive weekend of honoring our rich history and affirming our commitment to continue to Inspire Hope, Grow in Faith and Serve with Joy! Please mark your calendars for this final celebration weekend. Tickets for the Gala are on sale in Fellowship Hall and the church office through October 6 and are \$20 per person. You will not want to miss this so please join us as we celebrate 150 years and prepare for the next 150.



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FAITH FORMATION

THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, September 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at **Pueblo Viejo**, 185 N. College Ave. Our topic will be "What is God's Goal?" All are welcome to join in the conversation. Questions: Kate Norton, f1f67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com

FINDING GRACE IN GRIEF: Jane Nicolet hosts a discussion for anyone experiencing grief at 1:30 p.m. September 10, in the Parlor. No reading required but her two books will be on sale at the event. Bring a friend to this supportive event.

SANCTUARY CHOIR NEW MEMBER/WELCOME BACK PARTY will be on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Light refreshments will be served followed by a rehearsal from 7-8. If you enjoy singing, we would be honored to have you join us. Please email David Adkins @ choirdir@fcfumc.net for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS begin meeting on Sunday, September 8 from 10:30 – 11:00. Cherub Choir for ages K5 – 1st grade meets in the Rhythm Road Room and Joyful Noise Choir for ages 2nd grade – 5th grade meets in the Choir Room. Josh and Brenna look forward to another fun year of music making including singing for worship and the Christmas musical, "The Power of the King."

CHURCH ORCHESTRA meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Sanctuary beginning September 4. If you play a band or orchestral instrument at a moderately advanced level, you are welcome to join us. This is a multigenerational group with members from jr. high through adult.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FALL KICK-OFF: Please join United Methodist Women on September 15 as we kick-off a new year! We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at noon for a potluck lunch followed by a speaker, Mary Beth Downing, about Climate Change and Climate Action. She is an active member at Mountain View UMC in Boulder.

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BODY OF CHRIST STUDY: We church people have lost the ability to talk to each other, says author C. Christopher Smith, and he has many ideas about how to fix that. Noon or 7 p.m. for five Wednesdays beginning September 11, with David Reid.

INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY AND ACCOMPANIMENT COALITION OF NORTHERN COLORADO: Please help FUMC raise \$200 to join **ISAAC**, Interfaith Solidarity And Accompaniment Coalition of Northern Colorado. ISAAC is an outgrowth of the Fort Collins Interfaith Council to help meet the humanitarian needs of Hispanic refugees/immigrants. Envelopes and information are available Sundays at the Church and Society table through September or at the front desk; please make checks out to FUMC and mark Church and Society/ISAAC on your check.

DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON: September 13, welcomes Cyndy Luzinski. She will present a program on Dementia-Friendly Communities of Northern Colorado and provided information on education and engagement opportunities concerning dementia. 12 noon, Fellowship Hall. Best lunch in town, \$4. Reservations not necessary.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Do you want to get out of debt? Learn to set a budget? Join us for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The 9-class series starts Wednesday, September 11, 7 to 8:30. Childcare will be available. You don't have to be a member of First Church to attend; invite friends, adult children and grandchildren and neighbors. Register at <https://www.financialpeace.com> or contact Don at dfsilar@aol.com.

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY, AND DISCIPLESHIP

Joining the **Welcome Desk Team** is an opportunity to serve First Church by offering a smile, information, and a warm welcome to our guests. **Please contact Pam Metzger, Welcome Center Team Leader, to learn more and get involved,** pammetzger3531@comcast.net or 970-430-0062.

MISSIONS

FIRST CHURCH STONE SOUP BUILD: is on Thursday, September 19. We will be working on Natasha's home, which is now fully framed. Please sign up in the Mission Corner of Fellowship Hall to volunteer for the build or to help with the lunch. Building does not require special skills. Habitat personnel will be there to guide us and there is something for everyone to do. It's a great way to meet and know other folks in our congregation.

At First Church, we use paper responsibly resourced. Please recycle.



September 1, 2019
Holy Communion
"Better Together: Belonging"



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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!