

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. Joan Carter, 9:30 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell, 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 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-5th grade meet outside the Sanctuary. The teachers will escort elementary children to their classrooms. 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:** *Clair of the Sea Light*, by Edwidge Danticat, Fic DAN, explores heart gripping stories of the people in an impoverished Haitian fishing village. The writing has been highly praised.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

**Gathering Music** *Fantasia in G Major* J.S. Bach

**Welcome** Dr. Melanie Rosa

**Prelude** 8:00 *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Tim Doran  
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute  
9:30 and 11:00 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. M. Burkhardt

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *O Church of God, United* UMH 547

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

**Anthem** 8:00 *Be Still My Soul* arr. Tim Doran  
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute  
9:30 and 11:00 *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young  
Sanctuary Choir

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Cynthia Paquette

**Prayer Response** 8:00 *Ave Maria* arr. Tim Doran  
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute  
9:30 and 11:00 *Grant Us Your Presence, Lord* Dale Wood  
Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture** 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Rev. Cynthia Paquette  
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**Offertory** 8:00 *Amazing Grace* arr. Tim Doran  
Andrew Hudson, handbell solo; Keilani McConnell, flute  
9:30 and 11:00 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* arr. Fettke  
Sanctuary Choir

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

**Scripture** Acts 10:1-35 Liturgist  
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**Sermon** “Better Together: Accepting” Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH 560

† **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Toccata* Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 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 September 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.

FAITH FORMATION

**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.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIRS** begin meeting today, 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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FALL KICKOFF:** 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.

**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.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are from Mary and Chuck Andre, to celebrate and recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Church in Fort Collins.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Mike and Deborah Kohler. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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

**DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON:** September 13, welcomes Cyndy Luzinski. She will present a program on Dementia-Friendly Communities of Northern Colorado and provide 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 p.m. Childcare will be available. You don't have to be a member of First Church to attend; invite friends, adult children, grandchildren and neighbors. Register at <https://www.financialpeace.com> or contact Don at [dfsilar@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:pammetzger3531@comcast.net) or 970-430-0062.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**CARE CLOSET:** When borrowing from the Care Closet, please be sure to sign the items out at the church office. Always leave the Care Closet room locked with the lights off when you are finished and be sure to sign the articles back in when you return them. Thank you!

**THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH IS BACK:** We're going to kick off our 7<sup>th</sup> year of lunch outings at Rally 5 restaurant at 2310 East Harmony Road. To take advantage of peach season, they have a peach menu: peach tacos, peach salad, peach BBQ, etc. We'll meet at Rally 5 at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact [JudySayreGrim@gmail.com](mailto:JudySayreGrim@gmail.com).

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### 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. On 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. Informational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8 and Sunday, September 22. Both meetings are at 10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Please plan to attend one of these meetings if you are interested in learning more about this heartfelt mission. Stop by the Mission table in Fellowship Hall or contact Cindi Ross-Bell ([falcor@frii.com](mailto:falcor@frii.com)) for more details.

**COMMUNITY AND WORLD MISSIONS:** Join our team of volunteers at the **Food Bank for Larimer County Warehouse**, 5706 Wright Dr. Loveland, tomorrow, Monday September 9, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Its lots of fun sorting food donations and repackaging large portions into family size portions. Sign-up sheet and maps are in Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Ruben Lopez 903-676-8089 or Bonny Thomas 970-232-9879.

**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.



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**September 8, 2019**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“Better Together: Accepting”**



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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!