

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. Mike Kohler, 9:30 a.m. Kelly McBartlett, 11:00 a.m. John Allum

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-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

WEEKLY YOUTH PROGRAMMING IS UP AND RUNNING: High School Bible Study, Tuesdays at Wild Boar Café from 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wednesdays in the Youth Wing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *Faith Beyond Belief: Spirituality for Our Times*, by David Steindl-Rast and Anselm Grun, 248 GRU, is a course in foundational Christian spirituality by two of the masters. It is an inspiring conversation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. James Pethel

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude 8:00 *How Can I Keep from Singing* R. Lowry
9:30 and 11:00 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Beverly Brown
Carillon Handbell Choir; David Adkins, organ

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *How Firm A Foundation* UMH 529

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

Anthem 8:00 *Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler* arr. Burleigh
Dean Rieger, soloist
9:30 and 11:00 *Hornpipe* Handel/Maggs
Handbell Quartet: Nancy Murzyn, Lynne Klingelsmith, Rebecca Groh, and
Kate Davis

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00 *Grant Us Your Presence, Lord* Dale Wood
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Psalm 40:1-4 Rev. Cynthia Paquette
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Presentation of Music Scholarship

Offertory 8:00 *Siyahamba (We Are Marching)* arr. Jay Althouse
Dean Rieger, soloist
9:30 and 11:00 *Let Your Faith be Stronger Than Your Fear* Trenney
Sanctuary Choir, Josh Colonnieves, soloist

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Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need

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

Scripture Romans 5:1-5 Liturgist
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Sermon "Better Together: Enduring" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on 'When In Our Music God is Glorified'* Matt Limbaugh

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 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 and consider yourself part of First Church, you are welcome to take a photo for the directory. In addition, you may bring your family members to have a family portrait 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/b0vbjihs/> 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, those who are using prior photos will also get a paper copy of the directory. No purchase necessary. However, Lifetouch will donate 5% of all purchases back to the church.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH IS BACK: We're going to kick off our 7th 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.

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNIT-IN: Saturday September 21, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Church Parlor. Fall kick off, yarns, needles and mentors are waiting to welcome you. To request a comfort shawl, see Rev. Cynthia or come to the church office.

LOVE IN ACTION (LIA): Co-coordinator needed. LIA volunteers provide rides to doctors, meals, gardening and other acts of kindness to God's people. Co-Coordinators will work together to share position and receive requests from the church office and First Church LIA email address fumc.loveinaction@gmail.com, coordinate and send requests to committee volunteers through listserve. Questions or interest, contact Jeri Neely, jeri.neely@gmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ray & Myrt-Louise Batch in celebration of all the September Birthdays.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Ted and Linda Schlagenhauf. Thank you for your valuable service!

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Day of Service – Saturday Morning, October 19**

Please see our website for more information or signup in fellowship hall to serve. There are many projects to choose from.

- **150th Gala Celebration Sunday, October 20**

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
4:30 p.m. – Service of Dedication in the Sanctuary
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Gala Event in Fellowship Hall
Tickets for the Gala are on sale in Fellowship Hall and the Church Office through October 6 and are \$20 per person. Please join us as we celebrate the past 150 years and prepare for the next 150.



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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, First Church is spearheading a collaborative investment in our neighborhood through the improvement of Eastside Park. First Church is raising \$245,000 for physical improvement and programming for the park. Please consider a gift to this project separate from your regular

giving to our ministry. **\$172,672** has been committed by church and community members thus far. On October 19 First Church is hosting a Day of Service, and will begin the physical renovation. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Plemmons, Emily Land, Heidi Priebe, or Lisa Fenton-Free.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: 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 22. The meeting will be at 10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Please plan to attend the meeting 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) for more details.

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.

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY: Please join us **October 6-13** 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.

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YOUTH MISSION TRIPS: Signups are almost over! **Deadline is tonight!** If you plan on signing up, but cannot do so in time, please reach out to Josh Malave at 502-909-6142, or youth@fcfumc.net. High School (completed 8th grade through Completed 12th grade) Navajo Nation, AZ – June 20-27, Middle School (Completed 6th grade through Completed 8th grade) Alamosa, CO – July 18-25, Go to Events tab on the student page of the website to save your spot!

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.**

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
Josh Colonnieves, 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
Rebekah Koehler, Administrative & Communications Assistant
Julie Firebaugh, Accountant
Sauna Bjork, Financial Secretary
Jim Doser, Worship Technology Lead
Catherine Pawlikowski, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator
Juanita Cruz, Custodian
Max Reyes, Custodian
Kathy Suiste, Custodian
Gabe Betzner, Custodian

URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595



September 15, 2019
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Better Together: Enduring”



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