

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. Pam Raab, 9:30 a.m. Kate Norton, 11:00 a.m. Bill Emslie

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: *Christian Ethics for a Digital Society*, 241 OTT, by Kate Ott, looks at how we can live thoughtfully in an increasingly digital world of sexting and hashtag activism such as the #metoo movement.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music		David Adkins, organ	
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette	
Prelude		David Adkins, organ	
Invocation		Dr. Melanie Rosa	
† Call to Worship		Liturgist	
† Hymn of Praise		<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	UMH 89
Children's Time 9:30 Hymn		<i>We Are the Church</i> (Refrain only)	Dr. Melanie Rosa UMH 558
Anthem	8:00	<i>Every Line</i> Nina Forsyth, soloist	Newspring Worship
	9:30 and 11:00	<i>In Times like These</i> Josh Colonnieves, soloist	Ruth Caye Jones
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa	
Prayer Response	9:30 and 11:00	<i>Grant Us Your Presence, Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir	Dale Wood
Scripture		Nehemiah 4:1-9 page 599	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Offertory	8:00	<i>Build My Life</i> Nina Forsyth, soloist	Housefires
	9:30 and 11:00	<i>Fill Me Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir, Emily Gehman, soloist	Brad Nix
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;">Give online at fcfumc.net Text to give at 77977, text message: FCFUMC Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need</div>			
† Doxology		<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture		Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 page 1425	Liturgist
Sermon		"Better Together: Serving"	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Hymn of Dedication		<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	UMH 463
† Benediction			
Postlude		David Adkins, organ	

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 29 – "Better Together: Encouraging."



STAY CONNECTED WITH FIRST CHURCH: You can listen to past sermons on our website <https://fcfumc.net/>, just click Media/Sermons. Also, under Media/Communications you can sign up for our weekly E-News First Wire and our monthly newsletter The Carillon.

FIRST CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: Our Church directory update is coming along. "Draft copies" of the directory will be at all entrances to the church through the end of September. Please check your directory listing for accuracy, make any changes, and initial the box next to your name after checking for accuracy. If your photo was in the last directory, we will use that photo unless a new one is being taken through LifeTouch. There are still a few LifeTouch photo appointments available for September 23 and 24. Everyone who has a photo in the last directory or is getting a new photo taken will receive a free updated directory when they are printed.

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. **\$172,802** 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.



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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 fcumc.loveinaction@gmail.com, coordinate and send requests to committee volunteers through listserv. Questions or interest contact Jeri Neely, jeri.neely@gmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ken Miller for the love of his life, Ramona Miller, for his appreciation for all that she does for him. Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to the Millers.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Lynne Ellison and Minnie Krueger. 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.



DID YOU KNOW?...

The City Council in **1916** voted to commit funds for **paving** the streets. Dirt, dust, and mud had been the norm for 45 years, But until the automobile became affordable, paving was regarded as low priority.

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FAITH FORMATION

THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pueblo Vieho, 185 North College. Out topic will be “Discipleship: What does it mean for us?” All are welcome – for more information contact: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com.

TOUR YOUR LIBRARY: Learn your way around the award-winning Northern Colorado Faith Library in a 20-minute tour. You’ll become familiar with the online catalog, special collections and amenities. Contact David Reid at 581-2707 or davidreid24@gmail.com

EUROPEAN SLAVE TRADE: First Church member Diane Smith will lead a one-session class on the European slave trade at noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 16. You will learn some surprising new information about where slaves came from, who owned slaves and the intersection of slavery – and its abolishment – with Christianity.

SIMON PETER STUDY: Bob Simpson, a retired UMC clergyman, will lead a book and DVD study about the prominent disciple beginning Oct. 23. Peter was an ordinary guy who heard and followed God’s call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. Books are \$15 at the AFF table.

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
Tim Coons, Interim Modern Music Leader
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
Nick Tomasini, Youth Ministry Intern
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

Coming Next Week: September 29

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
“Better Together: Encouraging”
Psalm 90:1-5; Romans 1:8-14

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



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September 22, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Better Together: Serving”



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

Thank you for joining us today!