

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. John Allum, 9:30 a.m. Bill Emslie, 11:00 a.m. Theresa Holbrook

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

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: Protestantism, by Mark A. Noll, 280.4, NOL, is a tiny book from prestigious Oxford University Press. The recently retired University of Notre Dame historian explains the amazing diversity of this movement that includes Methodism.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	Exaltation from ‘Suite’	Clay Christiansen
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	Andante Cantabile from ‘Suite’	Clay Christiansen
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	Gather us In	TFWS 2236
Children’s Time 9:30 Hymn	We Are the Church (Refrain only)	Barb Grauberger UMH 558
Anthem	8:00 Holy is the Lord/Come Worship the Lord arr. Tom Fettke Trio: Ivy Taylor, Samantha Morrison, and Emily Gehman	
	9:30 and 11:00 My Hope is Built Sanctuary Choir	Tom Trenney
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response	9:30 and 11:00 Grant Us Your Presence, Lord Sanctuary Choir	Dale Wood
Scripture	Psalms 90:1-5 page 736	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory	Not Too Far From Here Trio: Ivy Taylor, Samantha Morrison, and Emily Gehman	arr. Tom Fettke
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† Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 95
Scripture	Romans 1:8-14 page 1368	Liturgist
Sermon	“Better Together: Encouraging”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	The Gift of Love	UMH 408
† Benediction		
Postlude	Tribute from ‘Suite’	Clay Christiansen

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.

DID YOU KNOW?...  
World-renowned bandleader John Philip Sousa directed a concert at CSU in 1919.

OCTOBER WORSHIP: Join us at one of our 4 services each week in October as we celebrate the following events: October 6, World Communion Sunday; October 13, Children’s Sabbath; October 20, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Gala; October 27, Reformation Sunday.

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. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE  
GRIEF GROUP: Will meet October 8, and 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. Losing a loved one is difficult, come chat with others that are traveling this journey. For information, contact jodhop@hotmail.com.

MISSIONS  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: ONLY 3 SPACES LEFT!! 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 (falc@frijol.com) for more details.

Coming Next Week: October 6  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
“Better Together: United”  
World Communion Sunday  
5:00 p.m. Modern Worship followed by dinner

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Jennifer and Jim Snyder, in memory of Jennifer's mother for her birthday, September 28.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by Linda and Ted 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.

- **150<sup>th</sup> 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. **\$175,482** 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 and sign-up sheets are in the Mission Corner, Fellowship Hall.

**CANS AROUND THE OVAL:** FUMC is joining CSU's annual drive to support the **Food Bank for Larimer County**. Collection bins are at the Stover Street and South entrances and in the Fellowship Hall. For every \$ collected, the Food Bank is able to purchase \$\$\$\$ (\$5) worth of food, make checks out to FUMC memo: Food Bank. **Most Needed Food List** and donation envelopes are available in Mission Corner.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Offering is October 6, 2019, and supports the division of chaplains and ministers, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups. 50% of funds goes to World Communion Leadership Scholarships, 35% to ethnic scholarships and journey toward ordained ministry scholarships, and 15% to ethnic in-services, training. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Please give generously.

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### FAITH FORMATION

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** will meet on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pueblo Viejo, 185 North College. Our topic will be "Discipleship: What does it mean for us?" All are welcome – for more information contact: Kate Norton, [flf67@live.com](mailto:flf67@live.com) or Martha Conant, [marthaconant@gmail.com](mailto:marthaconant@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.

**DOUBLE NICKEL LUNCHEON:** Plan to attend an exciting and visually stimulating slide show program INTO AFRICA with professional photographer Georgia Evens. Georgia has spent many Years supporting villages in Tanzania with water filter systems and mosquito bed nets. Her magnificent professional close-up photos of wildlife and village life are not to be missed. Oct. 11, noon \$4, best lunch in town, Fellowship Hall, reservations not necessary.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** will be having their Bake Sale next Sunday!! They are continuing to raise funds for their summer mission work in Alamosa and Navajo Nation. If you are willing to bring baked goods for the sale, you will be helping our youth bring love and light to these communities! If you have any questions, contact Josh Malave at [youth@fcfumc.net](mailto:youth@fcfumc.net).

### OCTOBER 13 CHILDREN'S SABBATH AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE

**PRESENTATION:** Join us for a very special morning. ALL children will be invited to join our Children's Parade in the 9:30 a.m. service. Please meet adult shepherds in the Narthex before the service. Children will parade up to the front of the church during the opening hymn. **There will be no Sunday School at the 9:30 service!** There are spots available for children ushering, greeting and liturgists! If your child is interested in participating in Children's Sabbath, sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaab22a7fc1-childrens> If your child is interested in receiving a Bible on Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service, RSVP to Barb Grauberger at [childrensdirector@fcfumc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@fcfumc.net).

**LARIMER COUNTY FOOD BANK:** Please join United Methodist Women on October 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor for lunch and to hear a speaker form Larimer County Food Bank.

**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](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com)



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## September 29, 2019 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost "Better Together: Encouraging"



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We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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!