

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. Porter Land, 9:30 a.m. Garrett Putman, Caroline Barkoskie, 11:00 a.m. Sara Gehardt, Ruby Harper

GREETERS: 9:30 a.m. Zen Wieck, Sky Wieck, Grace Rogers, Liza Rogers, Olivia Barkoskie, Caroline Barkoskie, Max Caston, 11:00 a.m. Finley Gerhardt, Quincy Gerhardt

WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SABBATH CELEBRATION and 3rd GRADE BIBLE

PRESENTATION is TODAY: during the 9:30 service. ALL children are invited to join our Children's Parade in the worship service. Please meet your adult shepherds in the narthex before the service. **There will be NO Sunday school at the 9:30 services.**

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: 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.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY: Books from five libraries in the Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado network are in Fellowship Hall **today** only. Check out books from other church and synagogue libraries and return them to our library. It's easy and fun.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music 8:00

Jesus Is All the World to Me/All Creatures of Our God & King arr. Hayes
9:30 and 11:00 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Richard Elliott

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude 8:00 *Caricature on a Children's Song* Dale Wood
9:30 and 11:00 *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* arr. Ed Dickenson
First Church Orchestra

Introit 9:30 and 11:00 *I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*
Cherub and Joyful Noise Choirs

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277
(Verses 1 and 2)

Children's Time 9:30 Barb Grauberger
Hymn *Jesus Loves the Little Children* Traditional

Presentation of 3rd and 4th Grade Bibles 9:30

Receiving Bibles today are Malika Bandi, Priyam Bandi, Max Caston, Kennedy Hanna, Ella Nguyen, Corey Putman, Garrett Putman, Eva Remington, Sky Wieck-Novak, Piper Sutter

Anthem 9:30 and 11:00 *The Children of the World* Terre Johnson
Sanctuary Choir, Keilani McDonald, flute

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response *Prayer for Guidance* Allen Pote
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Psalm 66:1-4 Liturgist
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Offertory 8:00 *I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*
Cherub and Joyful Noise Children's Choirs

9:30 and 11:00 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. David Winkler
First Church Orchestra, Sheri Whalgren, flute soloist

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

Scripture Jeremiah 29:4-7 Liturgist
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Sermon "Foolish Hope" Dr. Melanie Rosa

† **Hymn of Dedication** *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* UMH 664
† **Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on Kum-bah-yah* Robert Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER WORSHIP: Join us at one of our four services each week in October as we celebrate the following events: October 13, Children's Sabbath; October 20, 150th 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.

FUMC PARKING AREAS: On October 17, and 18, the FUMC parking areas will be painted. The paint should only take about 30 minutes to dry (depending on weather conditions) and you may be asked to move your car if you are parked in an area that needs to be worked on.

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. **\$200,000** 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.



CANS AROUND THE OVAL: FUMC has joined CSU's annual drive to support the **Food Bank of Larimer County**. Collection Day at CSU (at the Oval) is Wednesday, October 16. If you missed the deadline, we do collect for the Food Bank year-round with a collection bin in Mission Corner. Thank you for your support of this wonderful mission in our community.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Cherry production in Larimer County grew significantly in the first years of the 20th century, increasing to **10,000 acres** (155,000 trees) by **1945**. The fruit was shipped to commercial bakeries in the east. Remnants of former orchards are found west of Loveland near Devil's Backbone, and to the north of Old Town, east of Terry Lake, and south of Wellington. In **Water's Way Park** (southeast Fort Collins), a plaque commemorates the 60-year history of this highly successful industry.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Glenda Gill, Happy Birthday Paul.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Kate Orr and family. Thank you for your valuable service!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH: Today we celebrate the children of our church and the many ways in which they bless, delight and inspire us. We are so fortunate to have such a vibrant ministry with children under the leadership of Barb Grauberger and with the help of countless volunteers. May this church always be a place where children are welcomed, cherished, and loved.

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH: We, here at First Church, are so excited to see many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session today, at noon in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a chance to tour the church building. Childcare will be provided.

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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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF GROUP: will meet October 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: People who enjoy knitting and crocheting are invited to gather at our monthly Knit-In, on Saturday, October 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m. We will be in Village Commons this month. Needles, patterns and beautiful fall yarns await. Do come! Comfort shawls available through the Church Office or through Rev. Cynthia Paquette.

WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY, DISCIPLESHIP

CHILI COOK-OFF: The Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. Chili cookers and chili tasters needed! Sign up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Don't want to make chili? That's cool – just sign up to bring cornbread or condiments instead!

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FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE ON THE UMC: You are invited to join Reverend Melanie on Sunday, November 3, at noon in the Parlor for an update on the Way Forward for the United Methodist Church.

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.

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

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: for October will meet at The Moot House on College Avenue, just south of Drake, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 17. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Garden Room. For more information, please contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.

SECOND MOUNTAIN STUDY: In his popular new book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*, by David Brooks tells how he learned to care more about people than success after a divorce and a generally lonely life. *The New York Times* columnist also became a Christian. David Reid facilitates this five-week study at noon Wednesdays beginning Oct 23. Book: \$14 in Fellowship Hall.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY: Sunday, October 27, is United Methodist Student Day. The offering is joined by money at GBHEM from endowments, wills and other donations to provide scholarships and loans for Methodists. Checks to FUMC marked "UM Student Day." Information and brochures about programs, eligibility and how to get loans, scholarships, and grants are available on Church and Society table in Fellowship Hall. <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/>

Coming Next Week: October 20

"The Next 150 Years"
150th Gala Anniversary
Psalm 119; Hebrews 11:1-16

No Modern Worship so that everyone can
attend our Gala celebration!



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October 13, 2019 Childrens Sabbath "Foolish Hope"



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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!