

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. Martha Conant, 11:00 a.m. Sandy Merriweather

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 grades **K-5** 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



SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP: If you are a teen, we have something for YOU! Youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to participate in our Sunday Morning Youth Group that happens at 9:30 every Sunday. Join our Youth Director and leaders in the Youth basement for

a time of fellowship and spiritual growth that is fun and relevant to students!

BOOK OF THE WEEK: *The CEB Lectio Divina Prayer Bible*, 220.52 BIB, makes this reflective practice simple with recommended passages for slow, thoughtful reading; questions for reflection; prayers; and suggestions for putting your new insights into action.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music *Partita on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'* Paul Manz

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *Pastorale on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'* Paul Manz

† **Call to Worship** Liturgist

† **Hymn of Praise** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

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

Anthem 8:00 *Day by Day* arr. Lloyd Larson
Christi Bickley, trumpet; Pat Bickley, piano

9:30 and 11:00 *The Greatest Gift Is Love* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

Scripture Psalm 119:1-8 Liturgist

Offertory 8:00 *Rondeau* Henry Purcell
Christi Bickley, trumpet; Pat Bickley, piano

9:30 and 11:00 *The Gift of Love* arr. Joel Raney
Charlene Loomis, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ

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

Scripture Matthew 5:38-48 Liturgist

Sermon "On to Perfection" Dr. Melanie Rosa

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

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'* Edwin Childs

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NEW ELECTRONIC GIVING PLATFORM: First Church is switching electronic giving platforms to provide our members with the best system possible, while also saving the church over \$4K per year. **To Text to Give you now text FirstChurch to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).** You will have to reenter your card or account information. We apologize for any inconvenience. The new giving platform is called **SubSplash**.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER: February 25, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come to Church to enjoy a Mardi Gras themed celebration of the dinner before Ash Wednesday! The pancakes will be served, and the Stompers will be heard, but the best part is the proceeds will go to Youth Summer Missions!



LENT BEGINS: Ash Wednesday is February 26, and to mark the sacred season of Lent we will have two worship services of the imposition of Ashes. Please join us that day at either 12 noon or 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel as we prepare ourselves for this season.

YOUTH ARE NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP: Students are needed to carry in the processional cross during Lent and on Easter Sunday at the Sanctuary services. It takes only five minutes at the opening of the service. To sign up see Josh Malave or David Adkins.



MISSIONS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MULTIFAITH BUILD: Thank you very much to the United Methodist Women and all who baked, made, sold, and brought baked goods and other goodies for/from last Sunday's bake sale. A total of **\$5,025.80** was raised toward Becky and Ember's home. The goal for this mission opportunity is \$50,000. Please make donations to First Church by check (write "Habitat for Humanity" on memo line), cash with note "Habitat for Humanity," by text (1-888-364-4483, text message: FirstChurch, fund "Habitat for Humanity") or on the church website (fcfmc.net, click "Give Online" tab, fund "Habitat for Humanity"). Stay tuned for build days and other fundraisers soon.

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY: Please join us March 1-8 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.



PARENT'S DAY OUT: Do you need a break and want your child to experience quality childcare with minimal expense and commitment? This is the program for you! We serve ages 1 (and walking)-5 years old. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Parent's Day Out is a licensed, low-cost,

drop-in child-care service servicing the community for 35 years. It is a safe, nurturing and fun program. The cost is only \$8 per hour for the first child, \$7 per hour for a sibling! Check us out under the Children's Ministry tab at <https://fcfmc.net/>.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Paul and Glenda Gill, in loving memory of their son, Glenn Eddie Gill.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Karen Waldron and Mary Ann Kertulla. Thank you for your valuable service!



As the 2020 Vision Campaign draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who generously invested in our promising future by turning in a pledge card. We set a pledge goal of \$879,428 and to date have received \$862,793 or 98% of our goal which is 11% increase over 2019. If you have not submitted a pledge card, please do so as soon as possible, so we can expand our reach and serve even more people in the year ahead.

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FAITH FORMATION

CAN WE TALK? Church and Society Roundtable on Racism #2.



February 23 noon in the Parlor. Light lunch provided. Reflect on our hidden, involuntary reactions to the unknown. How do institutions and cultural norms mask the consequences of racism? Racism just below the surface. Can we raise our own consciousness and others? What does "Be an Ally" for folks being mistreated imply?

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: In February we will meet at Young's restaurant, 3307 South College Ave. in Fort Collins, near the intersection of Horsetooth and College, on Thursday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. More information contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED: Children and Family Ministry paid Intern. 10 hours per week. Must be able to work Sunday mornings. The Children and Family Ministry Intern shall work directly with the Director of Children and Family Ministry. Must have a passion for working with young children, child development and Children's Ministry. For more information, contact Barb Grauberger childrensdirector@fcfumc.net.

FLOWER DESIGN TEAM: First Church is starting a **Flower Design Team** to arrange the flowers each week for worship. Those participating will serve on rotating teams. A design class will be offered at Palmer Florist for \$35. Please email David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net if you are interested. You may take the class even if you don't plan to be on the design team. **The class will be held on February 29, from 9:30 – 11:00 at Palmer Florist.**

GOD'S COMMAND TO SPEAK OUT: A four-week study of *Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out* will be offered at noon and 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent. The short book is based on Walter Brueggemann's exegeses of eight biblical passages. Books and details at Adult Faith Formation table.

SAVE THE DATE: Colorado State University President Joyce McConnell will deliver the 2020 Hagen Lecture at 7:00 p.m., April 14 in our Sanctuary. More details in the March *Carillon*.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF GROUP: The month of Valentine's Day can be hard when you have lost a loved one. Come to GRIEF GROUP and hear how others have made it through their difficult times. We will meet February 25 in the Conference room at 1:30 p.m.

LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT: Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First United Methodist Church on March 20. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event or for more information, please see Donna Newkirk in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.**



Coming Next Week: February 23

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
"Wait...Listen"
Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

5:00 Modern Service
Followed by Dinner for All

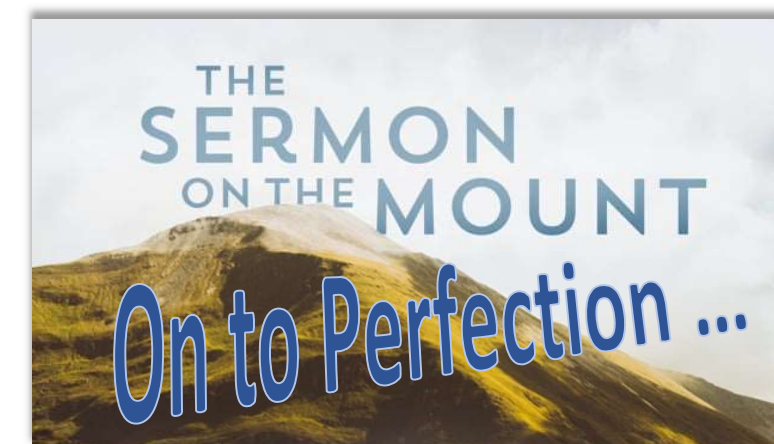
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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
"On to Perfection"
February 16, 2020



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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!