

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. Deborah Kohler, 9:30 a.m. Kate Norton, 11:00 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell

COMMUNION SERVERS 9:30 a.m. Curtis Bridges, Dana Sampson, Kate Norton, Charissa Dull, Amanda Gentile, Sandra Merriweather, Deborah Kohler 11:00 a.m. Margaret Hotze, Shan Watkins, Mary Ann Michels

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 Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger, FIC HOL. Set in the fictional Colorado town of Crystal, this novel observes the drama of parents whose good intentions and high ambition collide with long-held secrets. It's about pursuit of prestige no matter the cost.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music 8:00 9:30 and 11:00 *Passacaglia* D. Buxteh arr. Payne
God Leads Us Along
First Church Chamber Orchestra

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude 8:00 9:30 and 11:00 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* arr. M. Burkhardt
In the Garden arr. Payne
First Church Chamber Orchestra

Invocation Rev. Cynthia Paquette

† Call to Worship Liturgist

† Hymn of Praise *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* UMH 269

Children's Time 9:30 Hymn *O How He Loves You and Me* Barb Grauberger TFWS 2108

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00 *Christ We do All Adore Thee* Dubbis

Scripture Psalm 32:1-5 Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Offertory 8:00 *Come to Me* Beethoven/Aslanoff
Ivy Taylor, soloist

9:30 and 11:00 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra

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

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 Liturgist

Sermon "Soul Keeping: Control" Dr. Melanie Rosa

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Everyone is welcome to receive communion in our church

Communion Music 8:00 9:30 and 11:00 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Keveren
Come to Me Beethoven/Aslanoff
Ivy Taylor, soloist; Vocalise Rachmaninoff; Karen Stody, organ

† Hymn of Dedication *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

Sung Benediction *It Is Well With My Soul*

Postlude *Psalm 20* B. Marcello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON SERIES FOR LENT:

March 8: "Soul Keeping: Envy" Matthew 20:1-16;
March 15: "Soul Keeping: Apathy" Matthew 25:31-46;

March 22: "Soul Keeping Sorrow" Mark 10:32-34;
March 29: "Soul Keeping: Anger" Psalm 130; John 2:13-22;

April 5: Palm/Passion Sunday, "Soul Keeping: Despair" Matthew 26:36-50;

April 12: Easter Sunday, "Soul Keeping: Transformation" John 20:1-18.



PLEASE BEWARE: There is an ongoing email and text message scam in which someone pretending to be Rev. Melanie asks for a favor, financial assistance or the purchase of gift cards. This has increased in recent weeks and impacted several of our members and staff. Please do not respond to any suspicious emails or texts requesting assistance. Church staff will use @fcfumc.net email addresses, or official church communications to reach you. **Rev. Melanie has reported this to the Fort Collins Police, Federal Trade Commission and Google. If you receive a spam email on Gmail you can report it, yourself, too. In Gmail open the message, and next to Reply click More or the down arrow. Then Click Report Phishing.**

FAITH FORMATION



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: The UMW will have their March Unit Meeting on Thursday, March 12 in the Parlor. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program. The DVD "Giving All" will be shown. From the beginning, UMW members have led the way in countless endeavors, founding schools, hospitals, and clinics in the 19th century to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline and working for maternal and child health care today. For more information, email Ellen Bode elbode8@gmail.com.

LENTEN CLASS DEADLINE: Today is the last opportunity to sign up for the 4-session study of Walter Breuggemann's *Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out*. Sessions at noon or 7:00 p.m. March 4, 11, 25 and April 1. Books are \$11.



POETRY OF PARENTING AND AUTISM: Aby Kaupang and Matthew Cooperman, two Fort Collins poets, will perform selections from *NOS (disorder, not otherwise specified)*, their book of poetry that describes the challenges of dealing with behavioral anomalies, silences, screaming fits, sleeplessness and trauma. At its core, the work celebrates a child's life, however difficult, in passages that testify to the family's resilience. Reading at 7:00 p.m. March 31 in Fellowship Hall.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: will meet on Tuesday, March 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Pueblo Viejo (185 N College, upstairs). Our topic this week is "The Lean Church." We look forward to having you join us! Questions: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com.

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: For our March get together, we're going to try a brand-new restaurant in Fort Collins. Pinocchio's has taken over the former Applebee's spot at 4306 South College. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19. There is plenty of available parking, and they have a nice selection of lunch specials for \$9.95. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact JudySayreGrim@gmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Jill Barr. You remain loved by your Family and Friends.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Kate and Rick Norton. Thank you for your valuable service!

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MISSIONS

HABITAT MULTIFAITH BUILD WALL-RAISING: Everyone is encouraged to attend the “wall-raising” event for Becky and Ember’s new Habitat home on Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. at The Harmony Cottages (SE corner of Taft Hill and Harmony). Come early to enjoy coffee and donuts!



HABITAT MULTIFAITH FOUNDRaiser UPDATE: To date, First Church has raised \$18,879.80 out of \$50,000 goal. Thank you very much, First Church! Please continue to give generously using all of the giving platforms that First Church offers. For employer matching donations to this Multifaith Build, please contact Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity (970-223-4522) for more details.

HABITAT MULTIFAITH BUILD DAYS: Visit the Missions Corner in Fellowship Hall to sign up to build on Saturdays: March 28, May 9, June 23, August 1, and Thursday: September 17. Builders have to be 16 and above. No construction experience is necessary. Questions, contact Jim Collinson, jimcollinson56@gmail.com.

SPOIL PUTNAM TEACHERS: Please help First Church **spoil Putnam teachers on their workday by bringing a brunch dish** to the teacher’s lounge at 8:30 a.m. March 2, or to Janet Krech the night before. Feel free to hang out and eat brunch with the staff. Email Janet ajkrech@msn.com to let her know what you can bring.

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS: Come listen to students tell you about their **Science Fair projects** and fill out a simple ranking form between the hours of 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10. We have many students participating this year, so we need at least eight judges. Hooray! Email Janet ajkrech@msn.com to volunteer for part or all of the needed times.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 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.**



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Coming Next Week: March 8

Second Sunday of Lent
“Soul Keeping: Envy”
Psalm 23; Matthew 20:1-16
5:00 Modern Service
Followed by Dinner for All



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First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020
“Soul Keeping: Control”



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

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