

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. Kelly McBartlett, 9:30 a.m. Elinor Bickley, 11:00 a.m. Jerry Wiese

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 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: Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness by Leslie Verner, 241.671 VER. Fort Collins author Leslie Verner’s debut is an impassioned plea for people to open their doors and invite neighbors and strangers into their homes and their lives.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 535	J.S. Bach
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	J.S. Bach
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	Take My Life, and Let it Be	UMH 399
Children’s Time 9:30 Hymn	O How He Loves You and Me	Barb Grauberger TFWS 2108
Anthem 8:00	Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me	arr. Brant Adams Sherri Wahlgren, flute
9:30 and 11:00	The Gift of Love	Hal Hopson Sanctuary Choir
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00	Christ We do All Adore Thee	Dubois
Scripture	Psalms 23	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory 8:00	Jesus Paid it All/O Sacred Head Now Wounded	arr. Brant Adams Sherri Wahlgren, flute
9:30 and 11:00	My Shepherd Will Supply my Need	Virgil Thomson Sanctuary Choir
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† Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 95
Scripture	Matthew 20:1-16	Liturgist
Sermon	“Soul Keeping: Envy”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	TFWS 2158
Sung Benediction	It Is Well With My Soul	
Postlude	Chromatic Fugue	J. Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON SERIES FOR LENT: 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



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY JOB OPENING: First Church is looking for a Membership Secretary. This is a part time position—15 hours/week. Interested? Please visit fcfumc.net, click on the “ABOUT” tab and choose “Employment” for details.

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.

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: For March, 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.

WRITING AND PARENTING ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM: is a riveting performance by Aby Kaupang and Matthew Cooperman, two Fort Collins poets, that follows the life of a developmentally delayed little girl into the hospital system and its labyrinth of care. Reading at 7:00 p.m., March 31 with book signing. Childcare available.



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.



DOUBLE NICKEL: Tour Africa with our Mission team, eat good food, sing and get a good book hint from David, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Yes, Double Nickel is meeting on Friday the 13th. Don’t miss hearing about the wonderful accomplishments this group made working on water systems and handing out Days For Girls Kits.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS: Do you want to get to know other young adults (20s & 30s) at First Church? Join us at these upcoming social gatherings: Tuesday, March 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Red Truck Brewing and Saturday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the home of Whitney Pennington and Josh Keller. Childcare can be provided. Contact Whitney Pennington for more information or to RSVP: pennwhit09@gmail.com.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of the Stover Street Stompers.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Minnie and David Krueger. 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 Habitat home **on Sunday, March 28, 8:00-8:30 a.m.** at The Harmony Cottages (SE corner of Taft Hill and Harmony). Come early to enjoy coffee and donuts!

HABITAT MULTIFAITH FUNDRAISER UPDATE: To date First Church has raised **\$19,343.70** out of our \$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: First Church is scheduled to build on Saturdays: March 28, April 25, June 27, and 3 or 4 weekdays. Visit the Missions Corner in Fellowship Hall to sign up on our email lists for notification of future builds. Builders have to be 16 and above. No construction experience is necessary. There are no restrictions on people providing lunches. Questions, contact Jim Collinson, jimcollinson56@gmail.com.

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.



KIDS' CLOSET DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE: Join us on Sunday, March 29 for the dedication of the new space for our Kids' Closet (formerly Wesley Commons downstairs). An Open House will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a dedication blessing from Rev. Melanie at 10:45. This ministry has expanded dramatically under the leadership of Liza Judd-Salimbeni, with over 50 volunteers and 4006 children participating in 2019.

KENYA MISSION TRIP: presentation on Wednesday, April 1, at the church. Come hungry for knowledge and a typical Kenya meal. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. a tag-team presentation about the trip from those that participated. We think you'll be amazed at the artwork created for the brand new school along with the water, sanitation and hygiene work.



UMCOR SUNDAY: On Sunday, March 22, there will be a Special Offering, UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), which underwrites the administration and operational costs of **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)** so that 100% of designated funds go to the intended projects in the U.S. and around the world. Together, we can make a difference!

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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.**



OK CHORALE: a singing support group for people with memory issues meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Next to sessions are on March 19 and April 2. All are welcome to come and sing even if you do not have memory issues.

GRIEF GROUP: is for all surviving the loss of a wonderful person in their life. Sharing and caring with others is very helpful when going through this difficult time. Meet us in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. on March 10 and 24.

Coming Next Week: March 15

**Third Sunday of Lent
"Soul Keeping: Apathy"
Psalm 95:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46
5:00 Modern Service
Followed by Dinner for All**

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**Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
"Soul Keeping: Envy"**



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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.