

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. Joan Carter, 9:30 a.m. John Allum, 11:00 a.m. Joan Carter

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: *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson, FIC Woo. Two families from different social classes are joined together by an unexpected pregnancy and the child that is produced.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music 8:00 9:30 and 11:00	<i>Fantasia in A minor</i> <i>Chaconne in D minor</i>	J.S. Bach J. Pachelbel
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>Fantasia in D minor</i>	J. Pachelbel
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	UMH 529
Children's Time 9:30 Hymn	<i>O How He Loves You and Me</i>	Barb Grauberger TFWS 2108
Anthem 8:00	<i>Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child</i> Dean Rieger, soloist	arr. Burleigh
9:30 and 11:00	<i>Let Your Faith be Stronger Than Your Fear</i> Sanctuary Choir, Josh Colonnieves, soloist	Tom Trenney
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prayer Response 9:30 and 11:00	<i>Christ We do All Adore Thee</i>	Dubois
Scripture	Psalm 95:1-9	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offertory	<i>Come, Ye Blessed</i> Dean Rieger, soloist	John Prindle Scott
<p>Give online at https://fcfumc.net/ Text to give at 1-888-364-GIVE (4483), text message: FirstChurch Every loose \$1 bill goes directly to those in need</p>		
† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
Scripture	Matthew 11:28-30	Liturgist
Sermon	"Soul Keeping: Anxiety"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	UMH 581
Sung Benediction	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	
Postlude	<i>Toccata in C minor</i>	J. Pachelbel

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SERMON SERIES FOR LENT:

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



WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: We at First Church are vigilant about protecting all who enter our building from the spread of illness in light of the coronavirus. We take your wellness seriously and will do all in our power to minimize any risk of infection or transmission. We are checking the situation on the Center for Disease Control website, and talking with medical professionals about best practices. In the meantime, our custodial staff has been instructed to give extra attention to cleaning and disinfecting door knobs and all surfaces, we have installed Hand Sanitizer stations at every entrance to the building, and we will refrain from shaking hands or passing the Attendance Pads until further notice. Updated information may be found on <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

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.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: will be held Saturday, March 28 at First UMC Loveland from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.. Churches from the District will gather for District Business, a time of online worship with Bishop Oliveto, and a keynote presentation from Rev. Michael Smith and Rev. Annie Arnoldy, who will share about the purpose of small groups and the importance of community engagement. And our own Mickie Watt will receive the Quiet Disciple Award. You are welcome to join in.

FAITH FORMATION



WRITING AND PARENTING ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM: is a riveting performance by Fort Collins poets Aby Kaupang and Matthew Cooperman that follows the life of a developmentally delayed little girl into the hospital system and its labyrinth of care. March 31: reading at 7:00 p.m.; book signing at 8:00 p.m.. Childcare available.

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.



YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS: Do you want to get to know other young adults (20s & 30s) at First Church? Join us at the upcoming social gathering at 5:30 p.m., March 28 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 Larry and Peggy Cecil's March birthdays.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Lynne Ellison and Lois Quintana Thank you for your valuable service!

SPIRITUALITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: Brene Brown's *Daring Greatly* will be discussed at 3:00 p.m. today in the Northern Colorado Faith Library study room. Feel free to attend even if you haven't read it.

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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 Saturday, 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 **\$19,608.70** 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.

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 4,006 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. and 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 two sessions are on March 19 and April 2. All are welcome to come and sing even if you do not have memory issues.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNIT-IN: Saturday, March 21, Church Parlor 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Hooks, needles, friends and beautiful yarns are waiting for those who enjoy creating Prayer Shawls or Prayer Squares for this Ministry. All warmly welcomed!

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 24.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase flowers (in honor or in memory of someone special to you) to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning, please complete one of the order forms found throughout the building or in the April edition of The Carillon, and turn it in to the office or place in the offering plate. **We will be using white Anthurium plants because their blooms are long lasting but have no odor. The cost is \$20 for a 6.5" potted plant that can be kept as a houseplant or put outside during the summer. You may pick up your plants after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter, April 12.** Please put "Easter Flowers" in the memo line of your check or online giving.



Coming Next Week: March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent
"Soul Keeping: Sorrow"
Isaiah 53:1-5; Mark 10:32-34

5:00 Modern Worship
Followed by Dinner for All

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020
"Soul Keeping: Anxiety"



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