

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: 9:30 a.m. Pam Raab, 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 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 are fun and relevant to students!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS—Please join us.

8:00 a.m. Adventures in Faith Men’s Group—Conference Room
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

ORDER OF WORSHIP 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Festive Piece on ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’</i>	J. Westenkuehler
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	arr. Bish
Call to Worship		Liturgist
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	UMH #139
Chorus (9:30 ONLY)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Tom Fettke
	Sanctuary Choir	
Offering our Gifts to God		Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Ways to give to First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcfumc.net/> or on the First UMC App (Click on Give).
2. Text to give 1 800 364 GIVE (4483) (Text Message FirstChurch).
3. Automatic draft through online giving.
4. Check or cash (Every loose \$1 bill goes to those in need).

Offertory	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	Tom Trenney
	Sanctuary Choir	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-40	Liturgist
Sermon	“A Disciple’s Path: To Be Like Jesus”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
Hymn of Dedication	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	UMH #581
Recognition of Karen Stoody’s Ministry		
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>If You Will Suffer God to Guide You</i>	J. S. Bach

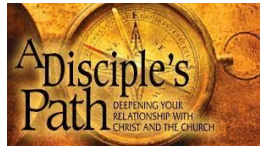
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMONS:

Sept 19: “A Disciple’s Path: Worship” Psalm 100; John 4:23-24
Sept 26: “A Disciple’s Path: Mission & Service” Jonah 3:1-9; Matthew 28:18-20
Oct 3: “A Disciple’s Path: Evangelism” John 4:4-30
Oct 10: “A Disciple’s Path: Faith Development” Genesis 15:1-6

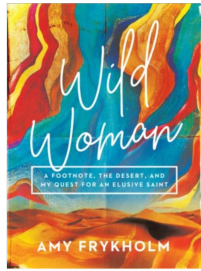
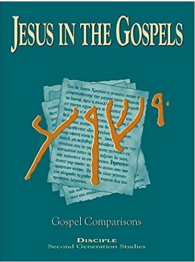
WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: We at First Church are vigilant about protecting all who enter our building from the spread of illness in light of the coronavirus. We take your wellness seriously and will do all in our power to minimize any risk of infection or transmission. Please wear a mask and maintain safe practices. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION



ARE YOU LONGING FOR A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND THE CHURCH? A Disciple’s Path combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God’s love and grace with time-tested spiritual disciplines expressed in our membership vows, and will help you take the next step in becoming dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ. The 6-week study led by Rev. Cynthia, David Reid, and members of the Discipleship Team will be offered Wed. Sept. 22 – Nov. 3 (no class Oct. 13), at noon or 7:00-8:00 PM. Materials will be provided. Sign up Sunday mornings at the AFF table or davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707.

SIGN UP NOW for the biggest Bible study opportunity of the year. Cindi Ross-Bell, Rev. Cynthia Paquette and David Reid will help facilitate a 30-week study of JESUS IN THE GOSPELS that begins September 9. Classes run 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sign up Sundays at the AFF table or contact Cindi for details at 970-481-0921 or falcor@frii.com.



AMY FRYKHOLM, award-winning writer, scholar and journalist, will speak on her latest book Wild Woman: A Footnote, The Desert, and My Quest for An Elusive Saint at 6 p.m. September 26 at First United Methodist Church in a presentation sponored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library. Wild Woman is the record of Frykholtm’s quest to follow the footsteps of fifth-century desert hermit St. Mary of Egypt. Books will be available for sale from Old Firehouse.



WORLD WISDOMS PROJECT

The medium of music will help participants reflect on their experiences during the pandemic 6:30-8:30 p.m. September 9 at Aztlan Center, 112 E. Willow Street, Fort Collins. This is the first in a series of events sponsored by World Wisdoms Project on Listening to Our Voices Expressing Grief, Gratitude and Hope.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



ALTAR FLOWERS and **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** are provided by the Staff Parish Relations Committee in honor of Karen Stoody.

RECEPTION HONORING KAREN STOODY from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Please join us in celebrating the retirement of our organist of 18 years, Karen Stoody. Stop by fellowship hall to congratulate her and wish her well.

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MISSIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FORT COLLINS BUILD DAY ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 25:

Our next First Church build day is Saturday Sept. 25. We need 6 volunteers to help with the build. Also, First Church will provide a lunch. We will be working at Harmony Cottages near the intersection of Harmony and Taft Hill roads. Construction begins at 8 AM and lasts until 3:30 PM. Habitat follows present CDC guidelines. More detailed information will be provided later.

If you are interested in helping with the construction, please contact Jim Collinson at jimcollinson56@gmail.com or (970) 377-9687. If you are interested in helping with the lunch, please contact Bonney Thomas at (831) 402-7402.



DAYS FOR GIRLS: Days for Girls is an international non-profit organization (daysforgirls.org) that provides reusable feminine hygiene products to girls all over the world who, without them, have to drop out of school and cannot maintain a job. To date, our First Church DfG group has made over 1000 kits that have been distributed in Kenya, Lebanon and Chad. Please join us to make these feminine hygiene kits and be a part of this amazing mission that allows girls to be able to follow their dreams. We will be meeting in the church parlor every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 9 am to noon. We need people who can sew, serge, cut fabric, iron and more! We look forward to seeing you soon! For more information, please contact Kate Norton at 970-402-6783 or flf67@live.com.

2021 FUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Due to a COVID upsurge, there will be no Retreat on October 2, 2021.

Thanks to an FUMC Foundation grant, exciting new plans with a very special guest are in process. Watch for Announcements in First Wire, The Carillon, Bulletins, and the information table in Fellowship Hall.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Dr. Melanie Rosa, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Cynthia Paquette, *Executive Pastor*

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*

Karen Stoody, *Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries*

Program Staff

Barb Gauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries and Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

David Reid, *Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library*

Laurie Elliott, *Childcare Coordinator*

Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*

Kelly Boettger, *Director of Preschool*

Gail Farnum, *Director of Parent's Day Out*

Administrative and Facilities Staff

Jim Doser, *Worship Technology Lead*

Nathan Abrahamson, *Worship Technology Assistant*

Shelley Nelson, *Administrative & Communications Assistant*

Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*

Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*

Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary*

Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*

Jake Kinner, *Custodian*

Max Reyes, *Custodian*

Michael Shestak, *Custodian*

Kathy Suiste, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week: September 19

17th Sunday after Pentecost
"A Disciple's Path: Worship"
Psalm 100; John 4:23-24



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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

**"A Disciple's Path:
To Be Like Jesus"**



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Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00. There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!