

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!

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 join their parents/guardians for 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.



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 a.m. 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 a.m.** Open Hearts Class—Village Commons

ORDER OF WORSHIP 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert Dr. Joel Bacon
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Folk Prelude on "Azmon"</i>	Carson Cooman Dr. Joel Bacon
Choral Call to Worship	<i>"Celebrate the Day"</i>	P. Chopin Sanctuary Choir
Call to Worship		9:30 Stephanie Lane 11:00 Deborah Kohler
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i>	UMH #57
Chorus (9:30 ONLY)	<i>"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"</i>	UMH #277
Children's Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30 ONLY)	<i>"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"</i>	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Choral Response	<i>"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"</i>	arr. Owens Sanctuary Choir
Offering Our Gifts to God		Dr. Melanie Rosa
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>"A Jubilant Song"</i>	Allen Pote Sanctuary Choir
Doxology	<i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Jonah 3:1-9; Matthew 28:18-20	9:30 Stephanie Lane 11:00 Deborah Kohler
Sermon	<i>"A Disciple's Path: Mission & Service"</i>	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Hymn of Dedication	<i>"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"</i>	
Benediction		Rev Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Chorale Fantasy on "Lasst uns erfreuen"</i>	Flor Peeters Dr. Joel Bacon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- Oct 3: "A Disciple's Path: Evangelism" John 4:4-30
- Oct 10: "A Disciple's Path: Faith Development" Genesis 15:1-6
- Oct 17: "A Disciple's Path: Readiness" Luke 12:32-40

FAITH FORMATION

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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BARB GRAUBERGER! Thank you very much, Barb for filling the role of Interim Youth and Family Ministries Director for the last two months. We could not have made such a smooth transition without your help and hard work. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

WELCOME, VICTORIA BURKETT, NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES!

We welcome Victoria Burkett, who is First Church's new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries! Victoria graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies in 2018. For the last five years, Victoria has worked with youth and young adults as a Youth Ministry intern, Summer Camp Counselor, tutor, Summer SUCCEED counselor (for youth in foster care program), Colorado Youth for Change AmeriCorps member, Paraprofessional at Rocky Mountain High School, and Kindred Director. Victoria's passion and call to ministry is to youth and young adults. Victoria attended, served as liturgist and assisted with AV at our Modern Worship Service. She is a pastor's kid who hopes to be a professor in religious studies in the future. Victoria is married to Brandon Burkett. They are very creative people; Victoria draws and paints while Brandon does woodworking. Victoria is also a runner and avid reader. They have a beloved dog, Mabel. Do come to extend a warm welcome to Victoria in her new role as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Welcome on board, Victoria!



WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP



SUNDAY HOSPITALITY is from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Donuts and healthier snacks like hardboiled eggs, fruits, cheese sticks, and mini muffins will be available. Tablecloths and table decorations will be present to enhance your experience. Since it has been really difficult to get volunteers to run hospitality every Sunday, we have decided to hire Hospitality Coordinator Michael Shestak, who has 14 years of food/restaurant industry experience as a cook. Funding for Sunday hospitality is fully dependent on your donations to the hospitality ministry. The cost per Sunday is \$140, for a total of \$7,280 per year. You can give to the hospitality ministry by:

- 1) Check (on memo line write "Hospitality")
- 2) Credit card through online giving (choose the "Hospitality" fund)
- 3) Cash in donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

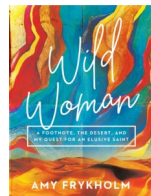
Please be generous so Sunday food and drink fellowship continues indefinitely. We are trying our best to satisfy everyone's needs and wants. Please be patient. Take life easy; eat, drink and be happy!

Thank you very much for supporting Sunday Hospitality. Thank you very much to all who voluntarily coordinated and ran Sunday Hospitality while we searched for a paid hospitality coordinator.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 am Rob Gray, Joe Ahlbrandt, Helen Gray
11:00 am Mary Ann Michels, Eric Wilkinson

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.



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. tonight at First United Methodist Church in a presentation sponsored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library. *Wild Woman* is the record of Frykholm's quest to follow the footsteps of fifth-century desert hermit St. Mary of Egypt. Books will be available for sale from Old Firehouse. Amy will also be speaking at the Open Hearts class at 11:00 a.m. today. All are welcome.

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MISSIONS



DAYS FOR GIRLS: Days for Girls is an international nonprofit 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to journey that path alone. Our Grief Support Group is available to help you through lonely, sad and difficult times. This group meets twice a month and is free to anyone. We promise not to try to "fix you" but will share the path with you and offer suggestions for healing. Join us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting October 12 at noon in the church conference room. Enter the church through the east entrance off of Stover Street. Contact JoAn Hopkins (JODHOP@hotmail.com, 970-222-5925) or the church office (administrativeassistant@fcfumc.net, 970-482-2436) for more information.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors

Dr. Melanie Rosa, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Cynthia Paquette, *Executive Pastor*

Music Staff

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*
Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist*
Karen Stody, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Gauberger, *Director of Children and Family Ministries*
Victoria Burkett, *Director of Youth and Young Adult 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*
Sauna Bjork, *Accountant*
Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*
Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary*
Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*
Jake Kinner, *Custodian*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: October 3rd

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
"A Disciple's Path: Evangelism"
John 4:4-30



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18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

"A Disciple's Path: Mission and Service"



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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.

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