

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.

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

*Please stand as you are able

Gathering Music *Trumpet Tune on "Praise to the Lord"* Walter Webber

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *Air on "Kelvingrove"* Matthew H. Corl

*Call to Worship 9:30 Elinor Bickley
11:00 Kelly McBartlett

*Hymn of Praise *Jesus Calls Us* UMH #398

Chorus (9:30) *We Are Marching* TFWS #2235B
African Freedom Song

Children's Message Barb Grauberger

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Anthem *In That Great Getting Up Morning* Trad. Negro Spiritual
Sanctuary Choir, Josh Colonnives, soloist arr. Hairston

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 *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck
Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

Scripture Luke 5:1-11 9:30 Elinor Bickley
11:00 Kelly McBartlett

Sermon "A Different Way" Dr. Melanie Rosa

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Dedication *The Summons* TFWS #2130

Benediction Dr. Melanie Rosa

Postlude *Dance* Christopher Steel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION



Save the Dates

2/10/22-Family dinner pick up. Back by popular demand! We will be providing a to go meal to our First Kid families. Take a night off from cooking for the family. Limited spots available. Look for the sign up, coming soon!

3/2-4/13-The Lenten Journey for kids. This class is for Kindergarten-5th grade. Each Wednesday evening we will participate in an activity in preparation for Lent. New activities this year! Space will be limited. Look for the sign up and more details, coming soon.

6/6-6/10-Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The theme this year is Food Truck Party! Before you fill up your Summer calendar, make sure you block out this week. Your kids will not want to miss it. Look for information regarding registration, coming soon.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Even though there have been TREMENDOUS advances in medicine over the past few decades, the simple 3-word phrase "you have cancer" can still strike terror into even the bravest of hearts. What to do? Well, one of my favorite sayings has always been "Prevention is ALWAYS easier and cheaper than treatment". Cancer is a prime example. Making simple, achievable changes in our daily lives, such as eating more vegetables, attaining a healthier weight, and avoiding known cancer-causing agents (cigarettes, for example) can make all the difference. For more information, read the following from the American Association for Cancer Research at: <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month/>

Yours in Good Health,
Donna Newkirk, Faith Community Nurse
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TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Lois Quintana, Joy Wintersteen, Sara Gerhardt, Nick Tomasini, Randie Bell
11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Michels, Dennis Bode

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free

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



Transition Reception for David Reid on February 13.

We will be celebrating David Reid's 10-year ministry at First Church as Director of Adult Faith Formation and NoCo Faith Library before he transitions to his new calling, passion, and role in Community Organizing. A cake reception to honor David Reid will be held between worship services (10:30-11:00) on February 13 at the Fellowship Hall. Although David Reid will continue to be on staff and around at First Church, it is important to celebrate and thank David for his commitment, dedication, and a job so well done for the last decade.

MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH

Music for Black History Month

During February, in recognition of Black History Month, the music ministry at FUMC will include at least one musical selection in each worship service taken from the genre of music known as Negro Spirituals. These songs, to the best of our knowledge, originated from the population of those brought from Africa to serve as slaves in our country. African Americans have contributed greatly to many genres of music including gospel, neo-spirituals, jazz, and pop music, but the songs that were sung by African slaves, and later their descendants, are unique. They tell the story of suffering in this world and hope for a better world to come. They were sometimes a code for methods of escape. We will sing (play, ring) this music in recognition of the injustice done to those who were brought to this country in slave ships, and to their descendants who continue to suffer injustice, both openly and covertly.



All are welcome to join the United Methodist Women's online unit meeting on Thursday, February 10 for a presentation on the Street Dog Coalition (SDC), a local organization that provides free medical care to pets of people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. First Church member Lisa Fenton Free, a registered nurse

and volunteer for SDC, will talk to us about how a "One HEALTH" approach to street medicine is used with SDC caring for the lives on both ends of the leash. From 12:30, we will have time to catch up with each other before the regular meeting starts at 1:00. Contact Karen Waldron with questions at keakw@comcast.net or 970-219-0898 or just join using the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82107210105?pwd=MFZoai9YV1FTMUcwRUlsSUt5VmpOQT09>

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/Artist in Residence*

Brenna Martin, *Children's Choir Coordinator*

Abigale Gilson, *Children's Choir Director*

Karen Stoodly, *Organist Emeritus*

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, *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*

Shauna Bjork, *Accountant*

Julie Iven, *Financial Secretary*

Gail Wells, *Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator*

Henry Reyna, *Facilities Manager*

Jake Kinner, *Custodian*

Max Reyes, *Custodian*

Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

"A Different Way"



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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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