

# 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

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| *Please stand as you are able     |   |                                       |
| Gathering Music                   | <i>Trumpet Tune</i>   | David Johnson                         |
| Welcome                           |   | Rev. Cynthia Paquette                 |
| Prelude                           | <i>Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel</i><br>The Carillon Handbell Choir | arr. Lloyd Larson                     |
| *Call to Worship                  |   | 9:30 Deborah Kohler<br>11:00 Pam Raab |
| *Hymn of Praise                   | <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>  | UMH #451                              |
| Chorus (9:30)                     | <i>We Are Marching</i><br>African Freedom Song                      | TFWS #2235B                           |
| Children’s Message                |   | Barb Grauberger                       |
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| Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer |   | Dr. Melanie Rosa                      |
| Anthem                            | <i>My Hope Is Built</i><br>Sanctuary Choir                          | arr. Tom Trenney                      |

**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).

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| Offering Our Gifts to God |   | Dr. Melanie Rosa                      |
| Offertory                 | <i>Farewell to Alleluia</i><br>Sanctuary Choir<br>(The final “alleluias” sung at FUMC until Easter Morning) | Donald Busarow                        |
| *Doxology                 | <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>  | UMH #95                               |
| Scripture                 | Luke 9:28-36  | 9:30 Deborah Kohler<br>11:00 Pam Raab |
| Sermon                    | “From Emptiness to Wholeness”   | Rev. Cynthia Paquette                 |
| *Hymn of Dedication       | <i>Fill My Cup Lord</i> (vs. 1 & 2)   | W&S #3093                             |
| Benediction               |   | Rev. Cynthia Paquette                 |
| Postlude                  | <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>   | J. Bert Carlson                       |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

#### Richard Hagen Community Lecture – VIRTUAL BEYOND POLARIZATION: MAKING OUR DIFFERENCES AN ASSET

Rev. Allen Hilton, PhD: Politics is everywhere in our time. Mostly it divides us, so we operate in tribal echo chambers. Imagine left, right, and middle talking and listening to one another long enough to discover that our differences actually help us. It’s hard, it’s risky, and it may just be worth it! **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**  
Register: visit [www.fcfumc.net](http://www.fcfumc.net)



#### Lent is a good time to reflect and here are three ways to do so:

- First Church member Stephanie Matthews will lead a study of Kate Bowler’s book, *No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)*, at noon in person and at 7 p.m. online for four Mondays during Lent. Class sessions are scheduled for March 21 and 28 and April 4 and 11. Books are \$23 and available to order at the Adult Faith Formation table.
- Join the Open Hearts class for a video discussion study of Amy-Jill Levine’s *Witness at the Cross*. The study starts at 11 a.m. March 6 and runs 5:30 -6:45 p.m. for six Sundays beginning March 6.
- “Just Love: Live in Faith, Act with Courage, Work for Justice” is a six-week online offering of the Mountain Sky Conference. Look for “Just Love 2022 Lenten Series” at [www.mtnskyumc.org](http://www.mtnskyumc.org) to register.



#### Summer Mission Trips for Youth:

More details coming soon!  
Middle School Mission Trip: June 4-8, 2022 to Buckhorn Camp in Bellvue, CO  
High School Mission Trip: June 18-26, 2022 to Missoula, Montana

### WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY & DISCIPLESHIP

**Exploring First Church.** We here at First Church, are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Melanie and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon on March 13 in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. You will also have a virtual tour of the church building. Please email [membership@fcfumc.net](mailto:membership@fcfumc.net), or call (970) 482 -2436 ext. 111 by March 8 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided but must be reserved by March 8.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE



At this time of year some folks experience **Seasonal Affective Disorder**. It can feel like depression: no motivation, having a hard time getting out of bed, not wanting to go anywhere or do anything, but feeling cooped up and restless at the same time. If you feel you might have **Seasonal Affective Disorder**, read about it on the Mayo Clinic’s website, [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org). Take heart spring is just around the corner!  
Donna Newkirk, *Faith Community Nurse*  
(970) 744-8812/D.NewkirkANP@gmail.com

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS** 9:30 a.m. Don Silar, Dave Rubenthaler, Steve Spelts and Sandy Odenbach  
11:00 a.m. Pam Metzger, Louise Thornton

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Lisa Cole

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are donated by Judy Kinner in memory of her beloved parents, Garland & Marjorie Gregory, and her aunt, Joyce Guynes

**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.

### MUSIC IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Today, the Negro Spiritual presented in worship is not sung, but rung by the Carillon Bell Choir.** The joy that came from singing *Didn't My Lord Deliver* Daniel for the enslaved people who first sang it was the theme of God's greatness, the promise of hope found in God, and the possibility of spiritual deliverance. This promise of God's love and grace still rings true for all oppressed peoples today.



**It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that "alleluia" not be sung from Ash Wednesday until Easter,** symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. With the singing of Farewell to Alleluia we sing the last "alleluia" that will be sung until Easter at FUMC.



Our church is exploring ways that we can discern God's calling in the coming months. As a part of our Discipleship as a church, we want to identify ways to reach new people and help address some of the greatest needs in our community. To that

end, we need your input! Please take 15 minutes to complete this survey. Your input is very important to us, and will help us to identify future ministry opportunities. Log into the site below and enter the Survey Code. You do not need a Pin number. Thank you!

<https://app.readiness360.org/survey/login>

Survey code: 5115144582



If you attend the 11:00 service and are looking for a way to become more involved, we are recruiting friendly, welcoming individuals to greet people, pass out bulletins, and collect the offering. We have some very dedicated people already doing this, but we can always use more. If this is a way you would like to be of service to your church, please contact Gail Wells at 970.482.2436, Ext

111, or email [membership@fcfumc.net](mailto:membership@fcfumc.net).

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! Our youth will be serving pancakes and more to help raise funds for summer missions. Stick around for a cake walk, crafts for kids, and good music. Your free will offering will help our students participate in a life changing mission trip this summer!



## 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 Stooddy**, *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*  
**Sauna 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*

### Coming Next Week: March 6, 2022

**First Sunday in Lent**

**"Good Enough"**

**Luke 4:1-13**



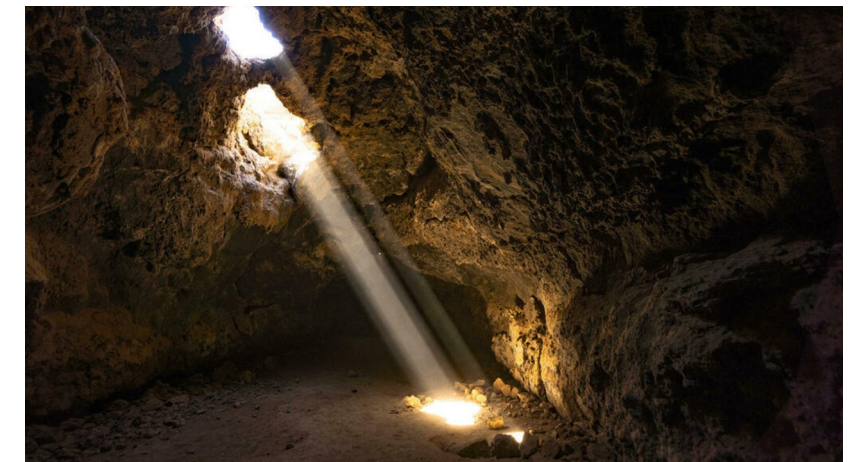
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## Transfiguration Sunday

**February 27, 2022**

**"From Emptiness to Wholeness"**



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