

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

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| Gathering Music | <i>Variations on ‘Our God We Worship Now’</i> | H.Colvin |
| Welcome | | Dr. Melanie Rosa |
| Prelude | <i>Come My Way, My Truth, My Life</i> | arr. R. Graham |
| *Call to Worship | | 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Jerry Wiese |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears</i> | UMH #129 |
| Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer | | Rev. Cynthia Paquette |
| Anthem | <i>My Light and My Salvation</i> Sanctuary Choir | arr. Lloyd Larson |
| Scripture | Psalm 27:1-6 | Rev. Cynthia Paquette |
| Offering Our Gifts to God | | |

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

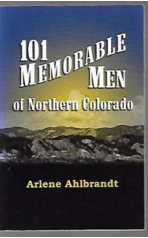
(Every loose \$1 bill goes to those in need).

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| Offertory | <i>The Lord Is My Light</i> Ivy Taylor, Soloist | arr. Allitsen |
| *Doxology | <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | UMH #95 |
| Scripture | Luke 13:31-35 | 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Jerry Wiese |
| Sermon | “Good Enough: Things We Cannot Control” | Dr. Melanie Rosa |
| *Hymn of Dedication | <i>O Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i> | UMH #480 |
| Benediction | | Dr. Melanie Rosa |
| Postlude | <i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i> | G. Young |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

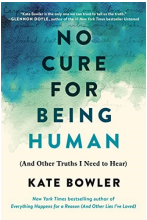
FAITH FORMATION

First Church suggests this educational offering during Lent: 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 available at the AFF table for \$23.



Copies of the book **101 Memorable Men of Northern Colorado** are available for a donation to the Northern Colorado Faith Library in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. This fundraiser was the idea of First Church member Joe Ahlbrandt, who donated copies of the book written by his late mother, Arlene Briggs-Ahlbrandt.

Dr. Lory Clukey will lead the Spirituality Book Club discussion of Kate Bowler’s *No Cure for Being Human* at 3 p.m. March 20. The session is scheduled to be held at First Church. To stay informed of the plans, contact Martha Conant at marthaconant@gmail.com



A Passover Seder Experience
Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder with his disciples on the night before he was betrayed and sent to his death. By offering the bread and cup as symbols of his broken body and shed blood, Jesus transformed the Jewish festival of Passover into a remembrance of His life and death. Join us on **Thursday**

April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Church to experience the celebration of a Passover Seder for everyone. For more information or to volunteer to assist, contact Cindi Ross-Bell at falcor@frii.com or (970) 481-0921

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

March 13—Second Sunday in Lent

“Good Enough: Things We Cannot Control”

March 20—Third Sunday in Lent

“Good Enough: Give It Time”

March 27—Fourth Sunday in Lent

“God’s Presence is Good Enough”

April 3—Fifth Sunday in Lent

“Good Enough for Today”

April 10—Palm/Passion Sunday

“A Parade Good Enough”

April 17—Easter Sunday

“A Faith Good Enough”

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Randie Bell, Judy Kinner, Sarah Johnson
11:00 a.m. Shan Watkins, Bonny Thomas

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are donated by Sandra Stille, in memory of her dad, Donald Stille

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: Wearing a face mask at FUMC is now at your discretion. Neither Larimer County or the CDC are recommending the wearing of masks indoors for large group events. If you feel it necessary, you are welcome to continue wearing a mask for as long as you wish. Should conditions change, we will reevaluate our response. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation!

First Kids Families! We will not be having Sunday School this Sunday, March 13th due to Spring Break. Nursery is available for ages 5 years and under. Activity bags will be in the Narthex for ages 6 years and up. Join us on the 20th for our normal First Kids Sunday activities. Have a wonderful Spring break!

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

As we prepare for Reverend Melanie's July 1 retirement, a thorough and collaborative search by the Bishop and Cabinet is under way to ensure First Church maintains its standards of leadership excellence.

Our Staff Parish Relations committee met with our District Superintendent; Melanie has been in touch with the Bishop. Both assured us that they know what a great church this is and how important it is that we have a very competent, visionary leader. The Bishop and the Cabinet know that this is a very desirable position, and they are working very hard to find us a successful match.

Our committee will keep you updated as the process unfolds. You are welcome to share your thoughts or questions with any SPRC committee member along the way. Join us in prayer in asking God to provide discernment to our Bishop and Cabinet in choosing our new leader.

Ukraine Disaster Response

The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the unprovoked invasion by Russia of the Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. Our denomination has mission funded congregations in both the Ukraine and Russia. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a check out to our church, with UMCOR Advance #982450 in the lower left hand corner.



General Conference Delayed

The postponed 2020 General Conference which was supposed to meet to determine the future of our denomination later this year, will now be moved to 2024 due to COVID concerns and travel constraints. This decision has not been an easy one for the General Commission on General Conference to make, but concerns about equity and safety prevailed in their decision. This is very disappointing, yet it will not have much impact upon our mission and ministry. Our church will continue to be a place of welcome for all people, no exceptions. We will faithfully follow Jesus who loved everyone, particularly the marginalized.

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, *Community Builder*
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*
Max Reyes, *Custodian*
Michael Shestak, *Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator*

Coming Next Week: March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

"Good Enough: Give It Time"

Luke 13:1-9



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