

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	<i>O, Love, How Deep</i>	Healey Willan
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	Joyce Jones
*Call to Worship		9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 Bill Emslie
*Hymn of Praise	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	UMH #577
Chorus (9:30)	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>O Jesus Every Moment</i> Sanctuary Choir	Philip Stopford
Scripture	Psalm 63:1-8	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div>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).</div>		
Offertory	<i>O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross BWV 622</i> <i>(O man, bewail thy sins so great)</i>	J.S. Bach
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
Scripture	Luke 13:1-9	9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 Bill Emslie
Sermon	“Good Enough: Give It Time”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>My Life Flows On</i> <i>(How Can I keep from Singing)</i>	TFWS #2212
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>Jesus, Lover of my Soul</i>	Ashley Grote

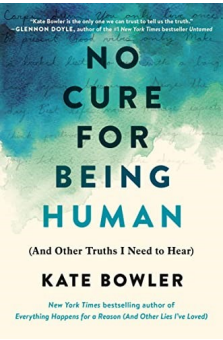
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

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.



Dr. Lory Clukey will lead the Spirituality Book Club discussion of Kate Bowler’s *No Cure for Being Human* at 3 p.m. today. 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 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. David Rubenthaler, Joe Ahlbrandt, Kristen Roberts
11:00 a.m. Susan Leinhart, Peter Stackhouse

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are donated by Jean Messinger, in memory of Dr. Tom Messinger.

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: Wearing a face mask at FUMC is now at your discretion. Neither Larimer County nor 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!

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

WE HAVE A NEW PASTOR!

The Bishop and Appointive Cabinet have selected Reverend Brad Laurvick to be our new Pastor effective July 1. Reverend Laurvick currently serves Highlands United Methodist Church in Denver where he was appointed in 2012. Rev. Brad is a very dynamic and caring pastor with a passion for ministry. He is uniquely gifted to serve our church as we move into the future. Melanie has known him for decades and is thrilled that Brad has been selected to follow her. Brad, his wife Meghan and their two children, Joey (9) and Gracie (5) will be moving to Fort Collins in June. His first Sunday will be August 7 as he will be taking a long planned renewal leave in July. We welcome Reverend Brad and his family to our church and pray for our mutual success.

Dana Sampson, *Chair Staff Parish Relations*



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.



MISSION

LET'S GET ROLLIN'!

Come for Cinnamon Rolls and a Summer Bookmobile Discernment Meeting on Wednesday, 3/23 at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall: Let's talk about upcoming program expansions by the Poudre Library District and Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. Help brainstorm about the future of this important weekly church outreach to kids in need in North Fort Collins. Putnam Elementary has asked us to provide reading buddies from 9-10 on Wednesdays as they host the Boys and Girls Club this summer! Our bookmobile's summer schedule will likely remain on Wednesdays from 10:15-1:30, but Poudre School District has asked if we might be able to do Fridays instead (or in addition) because they see us as an important complement to their summer school program, which will run M-Th. Janet Krech is looking for a co-leader who might be able to drive the van with trailer and provide leadership on half the Fridays this summer. RSVP or email/call with insights to Janet Krech, ajkrech@msn.com, 225-0330



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 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent
"God's Presence Is Good Enough"
Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32



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Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

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