

## 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>Chaconne in d minor</i>	J. Pachelbel
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>If You Will Suffer God To Guide You</i>	arr. R. Graham
Introit	<i>The Mustard Seed</i> Children's Choirs	Anna Laura Page
*Affirmation of Faith		9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Mike Kohler
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Lord, Who Throughout the Forty Days</i>	UMH #269
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (vs. 1)</i>	UMH #277
The Sacrament of Baptism		Sophia Marie Reifinger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (vs. 1)</i>	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Holy Is He</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. David Clydesdale

Offering Our Gifts to God

### Ways to give to First Church:

1. Give online at <https://fcumc.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).

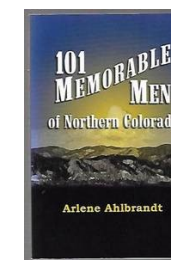
Offertory	<i>Festive Toccata on Old Hundredth</i> The Carillon Handbell Choir	arr. Cathy Moglebust
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
Scripture	Luke 4:1-13	9:30 Elinor Bickley 11:00 Mike Kohler
Sermon	"Good Enough"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	UMH #617
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Paul Manz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

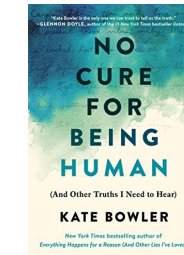
**First Church suggests these three educational offerings during Lent:**

- 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.
- Open Hearts class starts a video discussion study of Amy-Jill Levine's *Witness at the Cross* today at 11 a.m. in Village Commons.
- "Just Love: Live in Faith, Act with Courage, Work for Justice," a six-week, online offering of the Mountain Sky Conference, begins at 5:30 p.m. today. To register look for "Just Love 2022 Lenten Series" at [www.mtnskyumc.org](http://www.mtnskyumc.org).



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](mailto:marthaconant@gmail.com)



### 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.



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. 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@fcumc.net](mailto:membership@fcumc.net).

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS** 9:30 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell, Randie Bell, Caroline Barkoskie, MacKenna Matthews, Pat Bickley  
11:00 a.m. Dennis Bode, Mary Ann Michels

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Lisa Fenton Free

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are donated by James and Sarah Johnson.

**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!

### ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

#### **THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR IS UNDER WAY**

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.

### 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.



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

## 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 Stoody, 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**  
**Jake Kinner, Custodian**  
**Max Reyes, Custodian**  
**Michael Shestak, Custodian, Sunday Hospitality Coordinator**

**Coming Next Week: March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**"Good Enough: Things We Cannot Control"**

**Luke 13:31-35**



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**First Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 2022**

**"Good Enough"**



*Good Enough:*

Embracing the Imperfections  
of Life and Faith

**"Good Enough"**

**Luke 4:1-13**

**Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor**

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