

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Sandy Merriweather, Karen Kiser, Chris Weber
11:00 a.m. Daphne Bear, Shan Watkins

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Rob Kiser

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are donated by Joan Richard, in memory of Michael.

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



Easter Flowers- Celebrating Loved Ones

If you would like to purchase a flower in honor or in memory of someone to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter, **please pick up an order form at the Welcome Center of the Church Office.** Please complete the order form and return it with your check to the church office no later than April 10. The cost is \$8 and you may pay online (preferred) or with a check. When paying online please select EASTER FLOWERS from the drop down fund menu. Cash will not be accepted. The flowers will be 6.5 inch potted mums in white, yellow and purple (no choice of color). You may pick up your flower after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, or on Tuesday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any flowers remaining after April 19th will be taken to our homebound members and friends. The flower pictured here is a sample of the actual flowers that will be placed in our Sanctuary. Thank you for helping make our Sanctuary festive and joyous for Easter Sunday!



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: April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent
"When Extravagance is Good Enough"
June 12:1-8

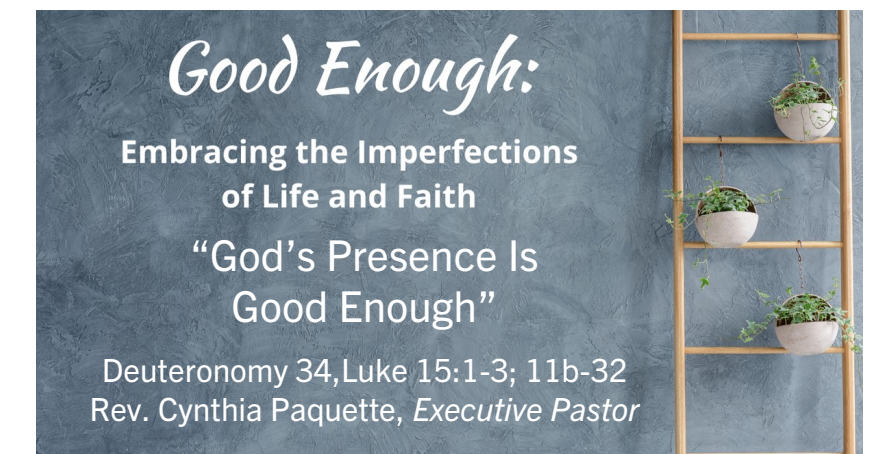


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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

UMCOR Sunday



You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00. There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!

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>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	C. P. E. Bach
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>I’d Rather Have Jesus</i> First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Jeff Cranfill
*Call to Worship		9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH #384
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH #277
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Come Ye Disconsolate</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Terre Johnson
Scripture	Deuteronomy 34	9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Jerry Wiese
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).

Offertory	<i>The Church’s One Foundation</i> First Church Instrumental Ensemble	arr. Camp Kirkland
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
Scripture	Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32	9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell 11:00 Jerry Wiese
Sermon	“God’s Presence Is Good Enough”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH #480
Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	Johannes Brahms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION

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. You may also give online (preferred) on our website. Simply select UMCOR UKRAINE DIASTER RESPONSE from the drop down



Today, we receive a special offering for our Committee on Relief,

which helps the victims of disasters all over the world. Giving to UMCOR allows us to make a difference in the lives of countless communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. We are changing the world, one person at a time. Your gifts make a huge difference! You may contribute by putting UMCOR GENERAL FUND in the memo line of your check or by giving online on our website (preferred). Simply select UMCOR GENERAL FUND from the drop down fund menu. Funds donated to the UMCOR GENERAL FUND may be used wherever a need arises for assistance around the world. Funds given to UMCOR UKRAINE DIASTER RESPONSE (as described in the article above) will be used specifically to assist efforts in the Ukraine.



FAITH FORMATION

A PASSOVER SEDER EXPERIENCE

Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder with his disciples on the night before he was betrayed and sent to his 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.

