

# 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>At the Name of Jesus</i>	John Hebden Schaffner
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>My Song is Love Unknown</i>	Benjamin M. Culli
*Call to Worship		9:30 Caroline Barkoskie 11:00 Kelly McBartlett
*Hymn of Praise	<i>God Is Here</i>	UMH #660
Reception of New Members (9:30)		
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		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Come to Me</i> Sanctuary Choir Beth Wells, <i>cello</i>	Dan Forrest

### 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>Psalms 23</i> Sanctuary Choir Brenna Martin, <i>horn</i>	arr. Paul Basler
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
Scripture	John 12:1-8	9:30 Caroline Barkoskie 11:00 Kelly McBartlett
Sermon	“When Extravagance Is Good Enough”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Now Let Us from This Table Rise</i>	UMH #634
Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>Prelude in C minor, op. 156</i>	Josef Rheinberger

# 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 fund menu.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:falcor@frii.com) or (970) 481-0921.



**Easter TOGETHER**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 10  
9:30 & 11AM

**SEDER MEAL EXPERIENCE**  
APRIL 14  
7PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
DOBOIS' SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST  
CHORUS, ORGAN, HARP, FLUTE & TIMPANI  
APRIL 15 - 7PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 17  
9:30 & 11AM

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## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS** 9:30 a.m. Dana Sampson, Lois Quintana,  
Sarah Gerhardt, Tate Miller, Sherri Wahlgren  
11:00 a.m. Sandra Stille, Dennis Bode

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are provided by Bill Ferguson, in memory of Douglas Ferguson.

**WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH:** Wearing a face mask at FUMC is now at your discretion.



### EASTER FLOWERS—CELEBRATING LOVED ONES

If you would like to purchase flowers 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!



## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Connie Cardenas



Judy Christie



Sue Ehlich



Judy Kinner



Ellie Rocha  
with her granddaughters, Vivian,  
Cora, and Sophia

Coming Next Week: April 10, 2022

Palm /PassionSunday  
“A Parade Good Enough”  
Luke 19:28-40

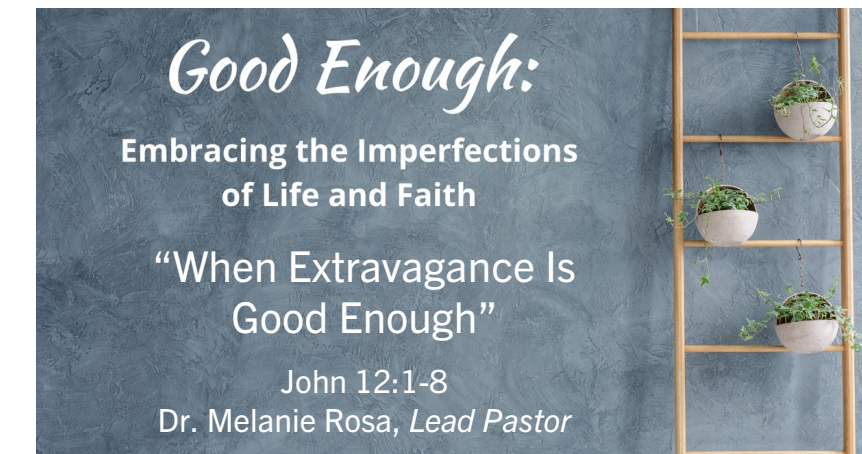


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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**The Sacrament of**  
**Holy Communion**

**April 3, 2022**



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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!