

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>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	arr. Westenkuehler
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>The Strife is O’er</i>	arr. Shoemaker-Lohmeyer
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>	TFWS #2269
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)		Klara Causer and Johannes Causer
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Anthem	<i>Give Me Jesus</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Craig Courtney

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).

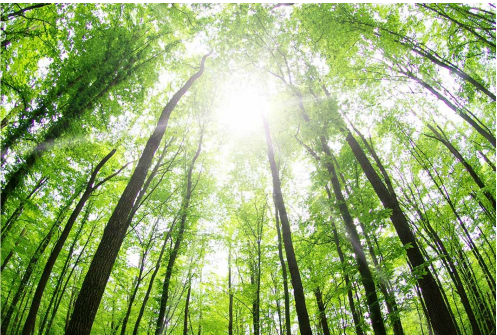
Offertory	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i> Sanctuary Choir Alyssa Banister, <i>flute</i>	Buryl Red
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	John 21:1-19	9:30 Will Barkoskie 11:00 Pam Raab
Sermon	“Grace for One More Day”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (vs 1,2,3 & 6)	UMH #378
*Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing</i>	Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

RETREAT: A SMALL GROUP FOR PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Rev. Cynthia will be starting a small group for people who would like to be on a practical spiritual formation journey together. We will be learning about spiritual disciplines, practicing the spiritual disciplines, and growing together. There will be two groups that will meet weekly on Mondays: in person at noon and on zoom at 7 PM for an hour starting May 2. Interested? Please sign up using the form below: <https://docs.google.com/forms/1Z9Q6JTnl4mIbWKTVjNG66vHiCXkGtR2Q0KPkBtcbkw/edit> or email c.paquette@fcfumc.net. To start a group, we need 10 people to sign up.



REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! The theme is Food Truck Party-on a Roll with God! June 6th-10th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sign up prior to May 8th for early bird pricing and a guaranteed spot. <https://first-united-methodist-fort-collins.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION—Today

Do you have a Will? Has your Will been reviewed or updated recently? Have you talked openly with family and loved ones about your plans? Please join us today at 12 pm in the Parlor for a free presentation on estate planning where attorneys Kathryn Lonowski and Mike Samelson will discuss the things everyone should know, regardless of their age. Lunch will be provided.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS

9:30 a.m. Christie Bickley, Lois Quintana, Caroline Barkoskie,
Sara Gerhardt, Randie Bell
11:00 a.m. Daphne Bear, Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Fenton Free



CONCORDIA HANDBELL CHOIR TO RING AT FUMC May 10 – 7:00 PM

The Concordia Handbell Choir is on tour this spring and will be presenting a concert at First Church on May 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. They are an outstanding choir that will present a concert of varied music that will be fun and entertaining for all ages. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

MISSIONS

PUTNAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



- **April 29** Read with a Loved One and Donuts with the Principal 8:50-9:45.
- **May 12** Six people are needed to use a scanner to help inventory library books. Training is 9-10 am, or, if you can only help in the afternoon, Putnam says they'll be flexible. Please contact Janet Krech (ajkrech@msn.com, (970) 225-0330) to sign up.

Our BOOKMOBILE will visit two neighborhoods on Wednesdays and three neighborhoods on Fridays this summer. **Please contact Janet Krech (ajkrech@msn.com, (970) 225-0330)** if you aren't already receiving bookmobile emails and would like more information.

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 & Interim Pre-School Director*
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*
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*
Shauna 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: May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter
"To Make the World Like Home"
2 Timothy 1:3-7



1005 Stover Street • Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

"Grace for One More Day"



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Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 and 11:00.
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