

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 *Glorious Is Thy Name* arr. Camp Kirkland
First Church Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome Dr. Melanie Rosa

Prelude *Adagio* Georg Muffat

*Call to Worship 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell
11:00 Jerry Wiese

*Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1-4) UMH #92

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233

The Sacrament of Baptism Ariana Cardenas

Chorus (9:30) *Where Children Belong* TFWS #2233

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Anthem *I Have Felt the Hand of God* Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Camp Kirkland
First Church Instrumental Ensemble

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:3-7 9:30 Cindi Ross-Bell
11:00 Jerry Wiese

Sermon "To Make the World Like Home" Dr. Melanie Rosa

*Hymn of Dedication *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* TFWS #2050

*Benediction Dr. Melanie Rosa

Postlude *Postlude on "For the Beauty of the Earth"* Craig Philips

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS

PUTNAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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.



FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER:

Sign up to volunteer at the Book-Mobile's new partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. @ Putnam Elementary, starting on June 8th, we will read one-on-one to 1st-4th graders. Please fill out an interest form with your information for updates on how to sign up and updated information. The interest form can be found on our website, <https://sites.google.com/view/thebooksharefumc/home>. Thank you for supporting us.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

In honor of Earth Day, we celebrate our favorite spots in nature. We take the time to notice the budding trees, the busy-ness of the squirrels, and the return of the birds. We are reminded that all of nature is connected.



But Earth Day is also a time for action. The globe suffers from increased temperatures, drought, floods, air and water pollution. The 2022 UN report on climate predicts dire consequences if we don't act. The state of our planet can leave us mired in fear and grief. As Christians, we are called to take part in saving Creation and we can start by taking actions in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the planet and promote healing.

Please join our team, as we take our part in this crucial fight, in our church and in our daily lives.

THANK YOU! Deepest thanks to Heidi Priebe for beautifying all of our bathrooms! Her talent is beyond compare, and we are grateful that, with a Memorials Grant, she was able to make our bathrooms far more appealing and inviting.

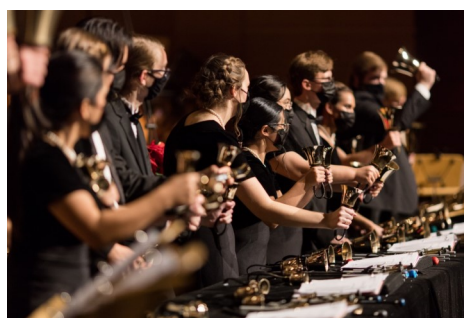
Thank you, Heidi.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Dana Sampson, Joe Ahlbrandt, Chris Weber
11:00 a.m. Pam Metzger, Eric Wilkinson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Kandy Moore

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by the Ryan and Emily Land family in loving memory of Esther Porter and Virginia Sollenberger.



CONCORDIA HANDBELL CHOIR TO RING AT FUMC May 11 – 7:00 PM

Join us for a night of exciting handbell music! Concordia University Irvine's handbell ensembles are touring Colorado and they're coming to First United Methodist Church! Led by award winning composer Alex Guebert, they will perform a wide variety of music - sacred to classical to modern to popular - using over 127 handbells and handchimes as well as other instruments. Come join us for this free concert!

The Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells of Concordia University Irvine are the touring ensembles of Concordia, representing a program that has become highly respected internationally for its performances and for its preparation of handbell musicians and directors. They have performed in 12 nations of Asia, Europe, and Australia as well as 38 states and provinces of North America.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

CHARGE CONFERENCE

We will hold a special Charge Conference at the beginning of the May Church Council meeting to vote on salary increases for the clergy, effective July 1. Anyone is welcome to attend, but only Council members may vote. Church Council is Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm in person and via Zoom, and you may contact the church office for details.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNIT-IN

Saturday, May 14 • 9:30 - 11:30 am
Folks who enjoy crocheting or knitting, please join us in the Parlor. Friendly mentors and materials available!

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 Stoodly, *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 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter
"Transgressing Boundaries"
Acts 11:1-18

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

1005 Stover Street • Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 8, 2022
"To Make the World Like Home"



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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!