

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>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i> David Adkins, <i>piano</i> / Joel Bacon, <i>organ</i>	arr. Joel Raney
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>Versets on an Ascension Hymn</i>	Alexandre Guilmant
*Call to Worship		9:30 Sandy Merriweather 11:00 John Allum
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	UMH #327
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)		Charlotte Belle Wenderoth
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Anthem	<i>Baptized</i> David Lonowski, soloist	Zach Williams

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>Look at the World</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Rutter
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Isaiah 40:6-8; Luke 24:44-53	9:30 Sandy Merriweather 11:00 John Allum
Sermon	“No Flower Blooms Forever”	Dr. Melanie Rosa
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Go Make of All Disciples</i>	UMH #571
*Benediction		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Postlude	<i>This Day in Triumph, God the Son, BWV 630</i>	J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS

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.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please help fight hunger in our area by planting extra in your garden and bringing the vegetables to church on Sunday. We will get it to the Food Bank. Last year we donated over 1,200 pounds of vegetables and fruits. Let’s beat that this year!



HABITAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON JUNE 18

Our next First Church build day for Ashlen and Stephen’s Habitat home is Saturday, June 18. We need 5 volunteers. We will be working at Harmony Cottages near the intersection of Harmony and Taft Hill roads. Construction begins at 8 AM and lasts until 3:30 PM.

Builders will be guided by a construction manager and are not required to have any special skills. We always have fun! If you are interested in construction or helping with lunch preparation, please contact Jim Collinson at jimcollinson56@gmail.com or (970) 377-9687.

SAVE the DATE!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 14th • Community & Church Ice Cream Social • 4 - 6 pm
Train rides begin at 3 pm.



August 28th • Community & Church Picnic • 10:45 am - 12:45 pm

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS

9:30 a.m. Pam Raab, Judy Kinner, Rich Raab
11:00 a.m. Pat Bickley, Shan Watkins

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Donna Newkirk

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Joan and Wes Carter (USAF - ret.) in honor of our grandfathers, fathers and uncles who selflessly served our country.



Come Celebrate

DR. MELANIE ROSA'S RETIREMENT!!

Revered Melanie's last Sunday before her well-deserved retirement is June 26. There will be one service that day, at 9:30 am, followed by a celebration reception in Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments, music and speakers will be part of this time for all of us to give Melanie, Fred and their family our best wishes for nothing but exciting, eventful and healthy times in this next chapter of their lives. If you want to bring a card to express your gratitude to Melanie for her great service to our church, please do so and put it in the basket that will be provided.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

FAITH FORMATION



JOIN US FOR OUR FOOD TRUCK PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 6-10, FROM 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

There is still time to register or volunteer for VBS. Cost: 1 child \$75, 2 children \$90, 3 children \$105 (*multiple children price applies to children from the same family*). FULL TIME VOLUNTEERS-CHILDREN ATTEND FREE! We also need plenty of volunteers to help make this event great! Go to this website to sign a child up or volunteer:
<https://first-united-methodist-fort-collins.mycokesburyvbs.com>

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*
Howard Miller, *Custodian*

Coming Next Week: June 5, 2022

Pentecost

"A Spiritual Conspiracy"

Acts 2:1-11



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
Memorial Sunday
May 29, 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!