

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>Easter Carol</i>	Alan Bullard
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>Fidelis Servus (Faithful Servant)</i>	Paul Benoit
*Call to Worship		9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Forward Through the Ages</i>	UMH #555
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Anthem	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i> Sanctuary Choir	Randall Thompson
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 23rd Psalm</i> Josh Colonnieves, <i>soloist</i>	Albert Hay Malotte
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Acts 16:9-19	9:30 Rick Norton 11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell
Sermon	“A Tale of Two Women”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought</i>	UMH #128
*Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Chorale Prelude on a melody by Melchior Vulpius</i>	Healey Willan

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. Don Silar, Kristen Roberts, Judy Kinner,
Connie Cardenas
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Mary Ann Michels

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Lisa Cole

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Brian and Gail Wells in celebration of Alex, Kate and Elinor's birthdays.

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.

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>

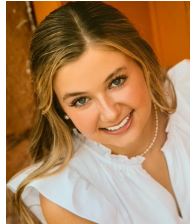
HONORING OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



Brady Elliott

Graduating from: Fossil Ridge High School
Fall plans: Oregon State (Undeclared)



Thayer Frances Orr

Graduating from: Fort Collins High School
Fall plans: Cox School of Business—Southern Methodist University, Dallas Texas



Ethan Payne

Graduating from: Fossil Ridge High School
Fall plans: Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana
(Business with an emphasis on Finance and Economics)



Anne Priebe

Graduating from: Fort Collins High School
Fall plans: Elon University, Middle/Secondary Education (History and Environmental Sciences)



Calvin Robinson

Graduating from: Polaris Expeditionary School
Fall plans: Fort Lewis College, Computer-Engineering

COLLEGE



Hannah Hatheway

Graduating from: CSU, Major in Natural Resource Management, Minor in Ecological Restoration, & Certificate in Youth Mentoring with Campus Connections
Fall plans: Forestry Technician (Trails)

Coming Next Week: May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter
“No Flower Blooms Forever”
Isaiah 40:6-8; Luke 24:44-53



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

“A Tale of Two Women”



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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!