

# 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>Our Father</i>	Georg Böhm
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	Nikolai Kedrov
*Call to Worship		9:30 John Allum 11:00 Rick Norton
*Hymn of Praise	<i>This Is My Song</i>	UMH #437
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Emily Anderson
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>I Feel the Spirit Moving</i> Connor Flaherty, <i>bass</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div>Ways to give to First Church: 1. Give online at <a href="https://fcfmc.net/">https://fcfmc.net/</a> 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).</div>		
Offertory	<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	Albert Malotte
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Luke 11:1-13	9:30 John Allum 11:00 Rick Norton
Sermon	“Life as Prayer”	Dr. Bob Firebaugh
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	UMH #399
*Benediction		Dr. Bob Firebaugh
Postlude	<i>Our Father</i>	J.S. Bach

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Dessert Gatherings

### HELP INTRODUCE OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY TO OUR CONGREGATION!!

There will be several in-home events for small groups to gather and meet our new pastor, **Brad Laurvick and his family, Meghan, Joey and Gracie**. Please plan to attend a dessert gathering that will be hosted by members of our congregation. The events will be at **7:00 pm** and will include light refreshments.

There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall every Sunday in July for you to sign up to attend a dessert gathering.

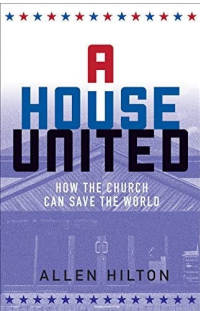
#### The dates that will be available for sign up are:

Thurs., August 18	Mon., August 29	Thurs., September 15
Mon., August 22	Thurs., September 8	Mon., September 19
Thurs., August 25	Mon., September 12	Thurs., September 22

Please help us introduce Brad and his family in small group settings—this is the best way for him to learn about us and for us to learn about him.

### LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME.

## SAVE THE DATE! Courageous Conversations Workshop Saturday, September 17, 2022 8:30am - 1:00pm (brunch included)



Our world is fractured along lines of politics, class, race, religion, and nation, but many of us long for ways to reach across these divisions. As a followup to the 2022 Hagen Lecture presented in March, **Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton** is returning to First Church to help us reconnect with one another. This half-day workshop will teach us practical skills to enter into Courageous Conversations – generative discussions where we genuinely listen and engage across differences to heal division and transform the world. Contact Lisa Fenton Free ([lisa@rmhealth.org](mailto:lisa@rmhealth.org)) with questions or to request childcare.

**August Book Study:** Prepare for the work-shop by reading and discussing Hilton’s book, ***A House United: How the Church Can Save the World***. A 4-week study led by Whitney Pennington will begin Wednesday 8/10 at 7pm on Zoom. Copies of the book are available for \$10 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. You can arrange with Rev. Mark Lee (email him at [AFDL@fcfmc.net](mailto:AFDL@fcfmc.net)) to pick up a book during church office hours.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Several of our parishioners have received messages from someone using this email address: [pastor.ourchurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.ourchurch@gmail.com). These are not from Rev. Brad and should be marked as spam or junk mail.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 a.m. Pam Raab, Rich Raab, Jerry Wiese  
11:00 a.m. Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Kandy Moore

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by John & Nancy Murzyn, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

### MISSIONS



#### **SUPPORT THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH'S MISSION WORK & FIRST CHURCH**

Our United Women in Faith (UWFaith) unit has a table in Fellowship Hall to sell grocery cards on Sun-days. When you purchase those cards or link your King Soopers Shoppers Card, you help UWFaith support programs in the United States and around the world that improve life for women, children and youth and their communities. In addition, a portion of money raised goes to First Church.

Sprouts and Safeway/Albertsons sell community organizations grocery cards at reduced rates and King Soopers makes donations when customers use linked Shoppers Card accounts when buying groceries. To link your Shoppers Card, enroll in King Soopers Community Rewards program by going to <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards> and following the directions. When asked for the organization, enter "SB653" for the NPO number or search for "Fort Collins First UMW-EOM." If you need help, please bring your log-in information and stop by the grocery card table.

#### **VEGETABLES FOR THE FOOD BANK**

**Gardeners** - We are collecting garden produce each Sunday in Fellowship Hall. One table is for donations you want to go directly to the Food Bank. The second table is for vegetables that can be exchanged for a cash donation to the food bank.

**Everyone** – Check out the vegetable exchange and take home some great produce in exchange for a donation to the food bank!

#### **MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION—AUGUST 5-10**

Join us on August 5-10 for an educational and cultural mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. We will meet friends new and old, attend a powwow, visit historic and educational sites and learn how we as a congregation can help take steps toward reconciliation. Questions? Contact Theresa Holbrook (970-219-5960) or Elaine Karnes (972-225-6720).

**EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH:** We, here at First Church, are so excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. We are here to help new people get plugged in. Would you like to learn more about Methodism in general and First Church in particular? Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, Rev. Brad and Rev. Cynthia invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon on August 14 in the Parlor. We will have a light lunch followed by a session on Methodism and the many ministries to be involved in at First Church. There will also be a virtual tour of the church building. Please email [membership@fcfumc.net](mailto:membership@fcfumc.net), or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by August 9 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided with reservations by August 9.



## OUR CHURCH STAFF

### Pastors

**Rev. Brad Laurvick**, *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*  
**Rev. Dr. Mark Lee**, *Director of Adult Faith, Discipleship, and Northern Colorado Faith Library*  
**David Reid**, *Community Builder*  
**Laurie Elliott**, *Childcare Coordinator*  
**Liza Judd-Salimbeni**, *Kids' Closet Coordinator*  
**Ali Gessler**, *Director of Pre-School*  
**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: July 31, 2022

#### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**"Refocus"**

**Acts 2:42-47**



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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2022

### LIFE AS PRAYER

DR. BOB FIREBAUGH



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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.

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