

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>Westminster Air</i>	David Evan Thomas
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Prelude	<i>New Beginnings</i>	Michael Burkhardt
*Call to Worship		9:30 Kelly McBartlett 11:00 Joan Carter
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	UMH #145
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH #170
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Anthem	<i>Lord, Here Am I</i> Josh Colonnieves, <i>tenor</i>	Beck/Courtney
Offering Our Gifts to God		
<div>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).</div>		
Offertory	<i>Aria</i>	Flor Peeters
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Scripture	Acts 2:42-47	9:30 Kelly McBartlett 11:00 Joan Carter
Sermon	“Refocus”	Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1-4)</i>	UMH #383
*Benediction		Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Postlude	<i>Marching to Zion</i>	Robert Buckley Farlee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAKE RECEPTION ON AUGUST 7

There will be a cake reception for Rev. Brad, his wife, Meghan, and their children, Joey and Gracie, between worship services on August 7, Rev. Brad’s first Sunday.



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.

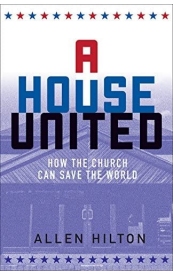
The dates that will be available for sign up are:
Thurs., August 18 Mon., September 12 Thurs., September 15
Mon., September 19 Thurs., September
Sun., August 21—Gathering for young families at Twin Silo Park in Fort Collins from 4—6 pm

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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 follow-up 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) with questions or to request childcare.

August Book Study: Prepare for the workshop 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@fcfumc.net) to pick up a book during church office hours.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 a.m. Pat/Christi Bickley, Brian Wells, Chris Weber
11:00 a.m. Brian Wells, Shan Watkins

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Glenda Gill in celebration of Sallie Youngman, who is a blessing to FCFUMC.

MISSIONS

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!

EXPLORING FIRST CHURCH: We, here at First Church, are 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, or call (970) 482-2436 ext. 111 by August 9 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided with reservations by August 9.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT EASTSIDE PARK • SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 4-6 PM (Trackless train rides start at 3 PM)

Glacier Ice Cream Fort Collins will be serving delicious ice cream. Rev. Brad and Ms. Barb will be putting on a puppet show. Due to limited parking at the park, you are invited to park your cars at the church parking lots and walk or catch the church bus from the south parking lot to the park. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. No other chairs will be available except for existing park seats. This event is sponsored by the Bohemian Foundation to encourage people to build relationships in the community. Each person will receive one ticket to get a free cup of ice cream. Come enjoy good music and delicious ice cream, get to know your neighbors, and meet Rev. Brad and his puppets.



CHURCH SAFETY: UNLOCKING OF ENTRANCES

Starting today, as part of First Church's ongoing safety efforts, we will be unlocking only three main entrances (Stover St., South, and West) for Sunday worship services. Although locked, all 11 exterior doors of the church building can be opened from inside to allow people to leave the building. Your safety is of utmost importance to us!

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: August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“Words of Welcome: Let's Share a Meal”

Genesis 18:1-15



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 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!