

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 rise as you are able.

Prelude	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	Gerald Near
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Music for Reflection	<i>Precious Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Arnold Sevier
*Call to Worship		9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 John Allum
*Hymn of Praise	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	UMH #430
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism		Madison Kay Buckner, Charles Jay Buckner and Tristan Scott Buckner
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Abide with Me</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Gilbert Martin
Scripture	Mark 10:17-25	
Sermon	“The Mark of Discipleship: Making It Uncomfortable”	
Offering Our Gifts to God		

**Giving to God through First Church:**

- 1. Give online at [fcfumc.net](http://fcfumc.net) or on the First UMC App .
- 2. Check or cash. All loose one dollar bills go to those in need.
- 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Offertory	<i>Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley</i>	Dale Wood
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i> (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)	UMH #427
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>O Love, How Deep</i>	Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINISTRY FAIR**  
**Today in Fellowship Hall**  
Did you know the flowers you purchase for Sunday morning brighten the lives of up to eight other congregants each week? Did you know we make a washable solution for managing menstruation so girls around the world don’t have to miss school? Did you know we have a beautiful and peaceful Columbarium to honor loved ones? Did you know we share a Thanksgiving meal with residents of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota? Did you know we have a grief support group? We have these ministries and so much more! Come see what wonderful services our church is providing for our congregation and our community far and wide. More than 20 different ministries will be displaying what they do. Discover ways we can assist you. Find opportunities to get involved.



**Travel Club**  
Do you love to travel? Enjoy sharing travel stories? Growing your bucket list of places to travel? Want to find friends to travel with for day trips and maybe even international trips? Come and join our new small group. Our first meeting is **Monday, March 27, at 7pm**, and we will meet in the Parlor. All are welcome! If you have questions, you can contact Robin Norell at [RNorell@gmail.com](mailto:RNorell@gmail.com).



**FIRST CHURCH CONNECTION CARD**  
*(Please fill out and drop in offering plate OR Scan appropriate QR codes below)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Service Time 9:30 ☐ 11:00 ☐ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_


Email \_\_\_\_\_


Phone \_\_\_\_\_ I am a First Time Guest ☐ Returning Guest ☐ Regular Attender ☐

Please let me know about volunteer opportunities ☐ Please contact me about membership ☐

Please add me to the “First Wire” weekly email list ☐

Prayer Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Attender 

First Time Guest 

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**USHERS:** 9:30 Jeff Johnson, Joe Ahlbrandt, Sarah Johnson  
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Pam Raab

**9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER:** Lisa Fenton Free

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Jean Huebsch, in anticipation of Easter.

### LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH

MAY WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH LENT AS AN EASTER PEOPLE.

#### PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 6 @ 7:00 P.M.

#### GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

#### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

BY JOHN TROTТА WITH

CHORUS, SOLOISTS, PIANO, HARP, F HORN, AND OBOE  
PRESENTED BY SANCTUARY CHOIR

#### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 9 @ 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTH 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES.

## FUMC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2023 GRANT PROGRAM

The 2023 Grant Program of the Foundation for the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins began on March 1st. Grant money is available for church committees and groups to be used for programs, equipment and services that are typically not funded through the church operating budget.

You may pick up an application in the church office, or download a copy from the church website ([www.fcfumc.net](http://www.fcfumc.net)) under the Media tab.

### Nurse Notes



One of the concerns [health.gov](https://www.health.gov) is raising awareness of in March is colorectal cancer. It's all over the news recently (*NBC's The Today Show*, *ABC's Good Morning America*, and *CNN News*), that there has been a substantial rise in the number of cases of colorectal cancer in adults under the age of 55. What can you do? 1. Know your risks. Ask about your family history. 2. Do your homework. Read up on colorectal cancer on reputable websites like the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org)), or the Mayo Clinic ([mayoclinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org)). 3. Follow recommendations such as adding more fiber to your diet and maintaining a healthy weight. 4. Get screened! Talk to your primary care provider about your options for screening.

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The **Emergency Assistance Fund** is available to provide financial assistance to members and constituents with urgent needs pertaining to: food, housing, utilities, health, and transportation. The EAF fund is administered by a committee of church members who are knowledgeable about community programs in Fort Collins and Larimer County. Those needing financial assistance can contact the EAF committee through one of the pastors or by calling the EAF phone number at **970-494-5960**. Information shared with the committee is confidential.

### Easter Flowers-Celebrating Loved Ones

Deadline is Sunday, April 2

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of someone to be displayed in the sanctuary on **Easter**, you may place your order between services in Fellowship Hall or during the week in the church office.

The **cost is \$12** and you may pay online (preferred) or with a check. Please complete the forms found throughout the church building and turn in to Fellowship Hall on Sundays or to the church office during the week. When paying online please select EASTER FLOWERS from the drop-down fund menu. The flowers will be 6.5 inch potted perennials in mixed spring colors. You may pick up your flower after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, or on Wednesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any flowers remaining after April 12 will be taken to our homebound members and friends. **Thank you for helping make our Sanctuary festive and joyous for Easter Sunday!**



### Cold Anger: A Story of Faith and Power Politics

Join a three-week book study of *Cold Anger: A Story of Faith and Power Politics* by Mary Beth Rogers on April 12, 19 and 26 ahead of this year's Hagen Lecture. The study will be offered in person in Village Commons at 1 p.m. and on Zoom at 7 p.m. Books are available at many online sellers. Contact David Reid at [davidreid24@gmail.com](mailto:davidreid24@gmail.com) or voice or text at 970-581-2707 to register or for help obtaining the book.

## Free Blood Pressure Clinic

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurse Ministry

Donna Newkirk, APRN-BC, FCN and Scothia Orr, RN, HWNC-BC



Who: Anyone

What: Confidential BP Screening, Consultation, and Resources

Where: Gathering Place

When: April 16 from 10:30-11:30

How: Wear a light weight shirt

Coming Next Week: April 2, 2023

"The Mark of Discipleship: Pushing the Institution"  
Mark 11 & 12



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*The Mark of Discipleship:*

Making It Uncomfortable

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

[EasterFortCollins.com](http://EasterFortCollins.com)

March 26, 2023

You are most welcome at First Church.

We are a fully inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people to experience God's presence today.

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!