

It's Music Sunday!

Today, we welcome guest composer and arranger **Tom Trenney** to lead our choir in anthems of his own composition, as well as to accompany our hymn singing.



Upon meeting Tom, one can't help but notice that there is something special about him. His calm spirit, nonjudgmental loving manner, high intelligence, mad musical skills and ability to express himself blend to make Trenney a unique voice in sacred music.

He has earned a place of respect and appreciation from his colleagues and from the congregation of First-Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he serves. For the church, he composes, plays hymns and conducts. He also does numerous talks about church music around the country, has an affection for the legacy of Fred Rogers, and is raising two adopted children with his partner.

You will be given an opportunity today to contribute directly to the music ministry, in addition to your normal weekly giving. This special offering will help underwrite the special programs and growth we are experiencing. In a typical year, the budgeted expenses of the music program are about 1/2 of the actual funds needed to maintain this vital and expanding ministry of First Church. Please consider what you might do to help us continue to grow, strengthen and expand our music ministry. The future is ripe with opportunities!

Exploring First Church

We, here at First Church, are excited to see so many new faces and meet so many new people on Sundays. Are you considering membership in this vibrant community of faith? If so, our pastors invite you to attend the Exploring First Church session at noon on April 23 in the Parlor. Please email [membership@fcfumc.net](mailto:membership@fcfumc.net), or call (970) 482-2436, ext. 111 by April 19 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided with reservations submitted by April 19.

Gather and Sing

Do you like to gather with others for a social get-together and sing exciting and familiar tunes? If so, do join the Gather and Sing Life Together group. Our First gathering is on May 9 (Tuesday) at 2:30-4:00 PM in the Parlor at First Church. To sign up or ask questions, email [afdl@fcfumc.net](mailto:afdl@fcfumc.net).

Hagen Lecture—May 1

Jorge Montiel, the lead organizer for Coloradans for the Common Good, will deliver the 2023 Hagen Lecture at First UMC at 7 p.m. May 1. His topic is "Crucibles of Democracy: Institutions, Power and Public Life." All the details are here: [https://www.cocommongood.org/hagen\\_lecture](https://www.cocommongood.org/hagen_lecture). Registration is not required but is encouraged. Simple online registration is at the bottom of that page.

Buckhorn Camp Fundraising Dinner

You are invited to join us for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 21st from 5-7:30pm. Full meal will be provided (gluten free & vegetarian options available), suggested donation \$10. All proceeds raised go to support Buckhorn United Methodist Camp. Enter our raffle to win a stay at camp.

Flood Bucket Mission

Join us on Sat., April 29 from 10 AM to noon in Fellowship Hall to help assemble 50 flood buckets. These will be given by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to people experiencing floods. You can sign up by email at [serve@FCFUMC.net](mailto:serve@FCFUMC.net) or at the mission table on Sunday mornings. See *First Wire* for more details.

A Grace-Full Life

**A Grace-full Life: God's All-Reaching, Soul-Saving, Character-Shaping, Never-Ending Love**

Are you wondering: In what ways is God an ever-present God? Why does God want to have a personal relationship with me? How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace? Join this four-week study that starts on May 3.

Study Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24 Venue: Village Commons  
Time: Noon-1 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in person or on zoom  
Questions? Email [afdl@fcfumc.net](mailto:afdl@fcfumc.net)

Adventures in Faith Launches April 18

This intergenerational men's small group is forming to reflect on life and personal growth in our spiritual journey. Our first Adventures in Faith meeting will be Tues., April 18th at 5:00 pm at Old Chicago (Harmony and Timberline). We plan to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month for 60-90 minutes to discuss contemporary topics as they relate to our faith journey.

See *First Wire* for more details or contact Mike Kohler at [mike@scribblemountain.com](mailto:mike@scribblemountain.com).

Pine Ridge Spring PowWow...

...is coming to Northside Azatlan Center on April 21-23. Native Americans from Pine Ridge Reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, will perform a celebration of spring!

Putnam Elementary

- FUMC is hosting a Teacher Appreciation Brunch on Friday, April 21. If you can provide lettuce or cilantro, please email Janet Krech at [ajkrech@msn.com](mailto:ajkrech@msn.com). The brunch starts at 10; set up and serving help is also needed.
- The school has also asked if we can have a Face Painting or Craft table at a new Putnam Picnic event on Tuesday, May 16 from 5-7PM. See *First Wire* for more details.
- The Chipotle fundraiser on April 19th has been cancelled.

Kids' Closet—Undie Sunday

Next Sunday, April 23, is Undie Sunday! See *First Wire* for more details.

Habitat Faith Build Luncheon

Habitat Fort Collins is excited to kick off our Common Ground Faith Build and celebrate 30 years of building homes, community, and hope in Fort Collins. Join us at our Faith Builders Luncheon to help make home possible for a local hardworking family.

Thursday, April 27th | 11:45 am | Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 2000 S Lemay Ave

There is no cost to attend, but there will be a formal ask at the event to step out on faith and help fund a future homebuyer's home. First Church will be pledging \$5,000 toward the Faith Build this year.

Will You Come and Follow Me?

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Sunday,  
April 16, 2023

Rev. Bradley Laurvick, Lead Pastor • Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Pastor of Congregational Engagement  
David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications • Dr. Joel Bacon Organist/Artist in Residence  
Ushers: 9:30 Kristen Roberts, Rick Norton, Dave Rubenthaler; 11:00 Dennis Bode, Eric Wilkinson



# Will You Come and Follow Me?

a hymn festival inviting us to answer the call to  
do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God

## Gathering Music

### Welcome

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

### Call to Worship: from Psalm 100

**All: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness: come before God's presence with singing. For the Lord is good;  
God's mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.**

### Introit:

*Come, All You People (UYAI MOSE)*

Alexander Gondo

### Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (LOBE DEN HERREN)  
Stanza 1: All in unison; Stanza 2: All in harmony; Stanza 5: All in unison

UMH #139

### Chorus (9:30)

*Where Children Belong*

TFWS #2233

### Children's Message

"A Reflection by Fred Rogers"

Tom Trenney

### Chorus (9:30)

*Where Children Belong*

TFWS #2233

*Please rise as you are able.*

### Gathering Prayer

**All: O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be ever present with your servants  
who seek to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses  
of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled forevermore; through Jesus  
Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

### Words of Assurance from Isaiah 40

*Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing.*

### Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (FAITHFULNESS)  
Stanzas 1-3, all in harmony

UMH #140

*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

### Scripture Collage: from Lamentations 3 and Micah 6

*Please remain seated and join in singing the final refrain as invited.*

### Hymn-Anthem:

*For Everyone Born*  
Sanctuary Choir; Josh Colonnieves, soloist; and Congregation  
Congregation: For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free!

arr. Tom Trenney

### Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me* (KELVINGROVE)  
arr. Tom Trenney  
Stanza 1: High voices; Stanza 2: All; Stanza 3: Choir only  
Stanza 4: Choir only; Stanza 5: All

TFWS #2130

*Love is patient . . . Love is kind . . .*

### A Reflection by Tom Trenney

*Please remain seated and join in singing as invited.*

### Congregational Song

*Lead with Love*

Melanie DeMore

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.*

### Psalm 46

*Please remain seated and join in singing.*

### Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation* (FOUNDATION)  
Stanza 1: All in unison; Stanza 2: High voices in unison;  
Stanza 3: Low voices in unison; Stanzas 4 and 5: All in unison

arr. Tom Trenney

### A Reflection by Tom Trenney

### Offering Our Gifts to God

### Offertory Prayer

**All: In response to the love you have given us, God, we offer here what  
We have, what we do, and, even more, who we are, that our  
generosity might transform the world. Amen.**

### Offertory

*My Hope Is Built*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

*Please rise as you are able.*

### Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

UMH #95

### A reading from Isaiah 43 and Matthew 11

### Anthem

*Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear*  
Sanctuary Choir and Josh Colonnieves, soloist

Tom Trenney

*Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing.*

### Hymn

*Go to the World!* (SINE NOMINE)  
Stanza 1: High voices; Stanza 2: All; Stanza 3: Low voices; Stanza 4: All

W&S #3158

### Benediction

*Our worship has ended. Now, our service begins.*

### Postlude

#### Giving to God through First Church:

1. Give online at [fcfumc.net](https://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.