

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)
- 10:55 a.m.** Open Hearts Class—Village Commons



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able.

Prelude		
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Music for Reflection	<i>To Everything there is a Season</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Harris
*Call to Worship		9:30 Joan Carter 11:00 Rick Norton
*Hymn of Praise	<i>And Can It Be that I Should Gain</i> (vs 1, 3 & 5)	UMH #363
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS #2233
Children’s Message		Barb Grauberger
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	<i>And Can It Be</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Eric Nelson
Scripture	Ephesians 2:1-10	
Sermon	“Relationship, Intention, Grace: Grace is Unfair”	
Commissioning of Faith Community Nurse		Scothia Orr
Offering Our Gifts to God		

Giving to God through First Church:

- 1. Give online at 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		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH #384
*Benediction		
Postlude		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gather and Sing
Do you like to gather with others for a social get-together and sing exciting and familiar tunes? If so, 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.

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 or at the mission table on Sunday mornings. See *First Wire* for more details.

Congregational Care: Visitation Revamp
Are you visiting our older folks? If you are, Rev. Cynthia would like to know who you are visiting. She is working on getting as many of our older folks visited, and it would be good to know who already has church visitors and who could benefit from a congregational care visitor. Please email her at c.paquette@fcfumc.net or see *First Wire* for a link to sign up.

Have Something to Donate to Your Church?
If you have something you would like to donate to First Church, please get approval from a staff person or a church ministry/committee leader before bringing your item(s) to the church. The person who approves/accepts the donation will be responsible for the storage and usage of the item(s). Currently, we are not accepting donations of aluminum cans. Questions? Call the church office, 970-482-2436.

Thank you from the Kids’ Closet!
Undie Sunday was a huge success. The generous contributions from the church community will help the Kids’ Closet continue to supply underwear, socks and diapers to those in need. Thank you

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 _____



Email _____ City, State, Zip _____

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 _____



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

USHERS: 9:30 Joe Ahlbrandt, Chris Weber, Christi Bickley
11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Karrie Patterson

9:30 WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Susan Massa

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Martha & Dale Conant

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. Registration is not required but is encouraged. Simple online registration is at the bottom of that page.

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

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Foundations of Faith Community Nursing—Honoring Scothia Orr

Please join us in congratulating Scothia Orr for recently completing the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course. This is a nearly 40-hour course that nurses take in order to have the appropriate training to be a Faith Community Nurse. She is a welcome and valuable addition to our ministry. Congratulations Scothia!

Faith Family Network

Have you been thinking about volunteering with the Family Faith Network events at our church, but want to learn more? Or, you're already volunteering but haven't done an "official training?" Get ready - it's time for our annual training! Wednesday, May 10, at 7pm, we are meeting in Fellowship Hall. Representatives from the Family Hospitality Network (our "parent" organization) will be at our church to lead our training. This is for all volunteer positions, and we highly encourage existing volunteers to attend. Please come and meet Jodi, Annette and our FUMC FFN/FHN Leadership Team, and learn more about this wonderful ministry and how you can serve!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Nurse Notes

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. (Nightingale is considered the founder of modern nursing) In 1953, Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made.

It wasn't until February, 1974, that a week was designated by the White House as National Nurse Week, and President Nixon issued a proclamation. In 1990 The ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6 - 12, 1991, as National Nurses Week.

In 1993 The ANA Board of Directors designated May 6 - 12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

Putnam Elementary

The school has asked if we can have a Face Painting at a new Putnam Picnic event at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery on Tuesday, May 16 from 5-7PM. In the past, we have used washable stamps and face crayons for Putnam face painting. Help is needed with that easy method or with real face painting! Email serve@fcfumc.net. Thanks to all who provided food and helping hands for the Teacher Appreciation Brunch Burrito Bar! It was supremely appreciated! Also – thanks to Cindi Ross-Bell, who has offered to give chair massages to Putnam staff on May 15, which will accompany made-to-order lattes. The teachers work SO hard – we at FUMC can share the energy and love God has given us!

Soul Work using the Enneagram

The purpose of the enneagram is to support our personal growth both spiritually and psychologically. It is a process of self-inquiry. By becoming more consciously aware we wake up to what blinds us to the truth.

Large group educational teaching with group participation. No materials required to attend.

Sessions held at First Church, led by Catherine Glandt, BS, Trained VA Hospital Chaplain, Certified in Enneagram work

Large group educational teaching with group participation, 3 group sessions. Choose 1 of the group sessions during each of the 3 weeks;

Session 1: Wednesday, May 10th at 5:30 – 7:00 pm (bring sack lunch, if desired) or Saturday, May 13th at 10:30 am – 12 noon

Session 2: May 17th at 5:30 pm or May 20th at 10:30 am

Session 3: May 31st at 5:30 pm or June 3rd at 10:30 am

Free Blood Pressure Clinic • Sponsored by Faith Community Nursing

Who: Anyone

Where: Gathering Place

What: Confidential BP Screening,

When: May 7, 2023, 10:30

Consultation and Resources

How: Wear a light weight shirt

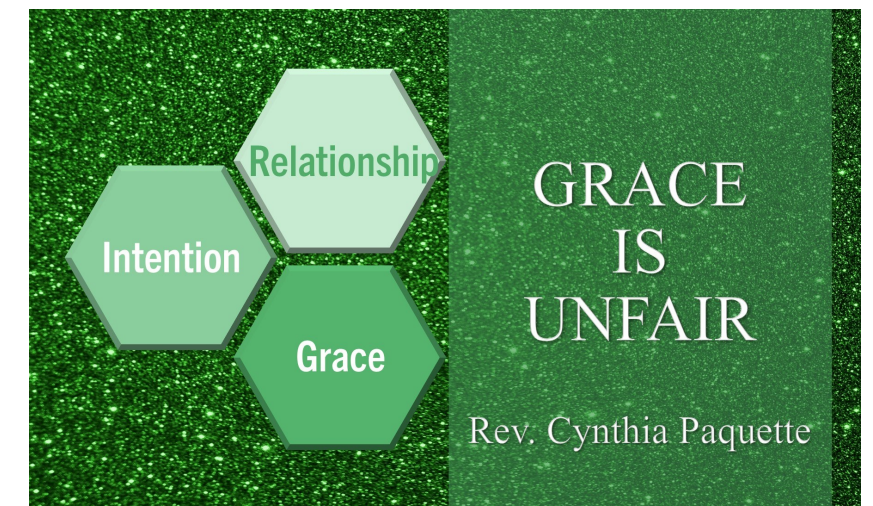
Coming Next Week: May 7, 2023

“Relationship, Intention, Grace: Where Do I Begin . . .”

Jeremiah 6:16



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April 30, 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!