# 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. 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 in body or spirit.

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Prelude	Fantasy on 'Lobe den Herren' Karen Stoody, organist	by Aaron David Miller
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
*Music for Reflection	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Children's Choir and Handchimes	arr. Phillip Hodge
*Call to Worship		9:30 Kelly McBartlett 11:00 Jerry Wiese
*Hymn of Praise	God of Grace and God of Glory	UMH #577
Chorus (9:30) Children's Message	Lord of the Dance	UMH #261 Barb Grauberger
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Pastoral Prayer and Lo	ord's Prayer	
Anthem	<i>The Alabaster Jar</i> Sanctuary Choir	by Craig Courtney
Scripture	Mark 14:3-9	
Sermon	Simple Gifts: It's Not a Competition	Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Offering Our Gifts to G	God	
2. Check or o	<b>Giving to God through First Church</b> ne at <u>fcfumc.net</u> . cash. All loose one dollar bills go to t rour time, talents, gifts, service and v	hose in need.
Offertory	Doxology	arr. Mark Hayes
*Doxology F	Praise God From Whom All Blessings	Flow UMH #94
Welcoming New Mem	bers	
*Sending Prayer		
*Hymn of Dedication	The Summons	TFWS #2130
*Benediction		
Postlude To	occata on 'Christ, We Do All Adore Th	ee' by Young/Dubois

# Pancake Supper—Save the Date!

Bring the whole family on 2/13 at 6 p.m. to enjoy a pancake meal, Mardi Gras crafts, and other Carnival fun. This event is led by our FUMC youth group, and all donations help fund our summer missions!

# **Ash Wednesday Services**

An all-ages service that invites us to create space in our lives, offered February 14 at both noon and 7 p.m.

# Lent Devotionals

Lent Devotionals are available for free at the south and east entrances and welcome center. Please take one for yourself and one for your neighbor/friend.

# Habitat for Humanity Travel

The most destructive and expensive fire in Oregon's history, scorched through Rogue Valley in 2020. The fire left behind a 13-mile-long burn scar leaving 10,000 people displaced. Habitat for Humanity is giving us the opportunity to travel to Medford, OR to team up with Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity to restore homes and change the lives of families who call the scenic mountain landscape of the Pacific northwest home. Our team is limited to 15 people, and we will travel September 22 - 28, 2024. Please contact Cindi Ross-Bell at (970) 481-0921 or falcor@frii.com for more information.

Scan QR code or go to http://tinyurl.com/ CongregationalEngagement for a full list of opportunities.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Congregational Engagement**



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# **TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH**

# WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

### **USHERS:**

Randy Olson, Dana Sampson, Rich Raab, Pam Raab 9:30 11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Lisa Koepke

### WORSHIP CARE TEAM MEMBER: Scothia Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Sandra Stille. Happy Valentine's Day!

### Free Blood Pressure Clinic Today

Come have your blood pressure checked today, including a free nursing consult. Sponsored by your FUMC Faith Community Nurses.

### Lenten Journey for Kids

Only a few spots left! Starting February 14th, the Lenten Journey for Kids is available to K-5th grade. We will be allowing kids to stay until 8 p.m. to align with youth group, classes or just for fun. This is an interactive class to teach our First Kids about the Lenten season. We will meet each Wednesday for 6 weeks 6:30-7:30. There will be no class on March 13th (Spring break). Sign up with the QR code!

## **2024 SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES**

PRAYING WITH PRAYER BEADS with Diana Grant and Lynnè Diaz Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Noon – 1 p.m., 7 – 8 p.m. at The Church Parlor

Join Diana and Lynnè for a workshop on making prayer beads that you can use in your prayer time during Lent and beyond. Books that guide you in praying with beads will be available for purchase. Sign up with the QR code.



### **2024 Lenten Study - Will meet in Village Commons**

Wednesdays, February 28 – March 20, 2024 - Noon – 1 PM, 7 – 8 p.m. Beginning to Pray is a simple and powerful book, by Russian Orthodox Bishop Anthony Bloom. Bloom was the son of a diplomat and an atheist who came to faith while serving as a physician. At the heart of his preaching and teaching was a personal encounter with God in prayer. Purchase books (\$10 each) on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided but must be reserved by calling the church office by 2/23.



### 2024 Workshop Series - Centering and Welcoming Prayer March 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. (\$5/person donation appreciated) Quoting the Center for Contemplative Living:

"Centering Prayer teaches us consenting in stillness; the Welcoming Prayer practice teaches us consenting in activity.

Presenters: Shawn Delne, Pat Wittkopf, Sue Kahalekulu, and Kit Snyder from the Center for Contemplative Living, Denver, CO. Sign up for workshop and childcare with QR code.









Carol and Skip Herbert

**Debbie Herring &** Wayne Werbelow

Donna Rolston







Erin Paisan



Karen Benoit

Larry and Carrie Peterson





**Connect With Our Pastors** 

**Rev. Brad Laurvick** Lead Pastor brad@fcfumc.net

**Rev. Cynthia Paquette** Pastor of Congregational Engagement c.paquette@fcfumc.net

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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!