

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!

LITURGIST 8:00 Karen Waldron, 9:30 Emily Land, 11:00 Theresa Holbrook

NURSERY/CHILDCARE A well-staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers during all worship services. Pagers are available upon request. Preschool and elementary-age children are invited to Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service and are welcome in worship services or childcare during the 8 and 11 a.m. services.

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 sit with their parents/guardians during worship in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of Children's Time. Then, parents of preschoolers escort their children to Room 121, and children in grades K-4 meet their shepherds outside the Narthex. The shepherds will escort elementary children to their classrooms. Grades 5 and 6 will meet in the Youth Basement for donut fellowship and Sunday school at 9:30. Parents, please pick your children up from their designated location following the service.

***For children attending our worship services, children's worship bags, bulletins, and notebooks are available in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.*

WEEKLY STUDENT MINISTRY (Friends are always welcome)

High School Small Group Study meets every Tuesday night 7:45-9 p.m. at Wild Boar on College. **Youth Group (grades 6-12)** meets every Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Dinner is provided. **Kindred Small Group (College and Young Adults)** meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Wild Boar on College, coffee and food provided.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS – Please join us.

8:00 a.m. Adventures in Faith Men's Group – Village Commons
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: 8:00 • 9:30 • 11:00

Gathering Music	<i>Christ Is Risen</i>	J. S. Bach
Welcome		Dr. Melanie Rosa
Prelude	<i>Variation on 'The Strife is O'er'</i>	Shoemaker-Lohmeyer
Invocation		Rev. Cynthia Paquette Dr. Melanie Rosa
	8:00 and 11:00 9:30	
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
† Hymn of Praise	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	UMH 145

HALLELU! HE LIVES!

AN EASTER, MINI-MUSICAL FOR CHILDREN



Joyful Noise and Cherub Choirs
Josh Colonnieves and Brenna Martin, Directors
Mary Beth Solano, Rehearsal Accompanist

Anthem		
8:00	<i>The Easter Song</i> Emily Gehman, soloist	A. Herring
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
8:00 and 11:00 9:30		Rev. Cynthia Paquette Dr. Melanie Rosa
Scripture		
8:00 and 11:00 9:30	Psalm 150 page 781	Rev. Cynthia Paquette Liturgist
Offertory	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i> Emily Gehman, soloist	D. Fishel
† Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
Scripture	Luke 24:13-35 page 1287	Liturgist
Sermon	"The Unknown Road"	Dr. Melanie Rosa
† Hymn of Dedication	<i>Christ Is Alive</i> Verses 1-4	UMH 318
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Thine Is the Glory</i>	Handel/Young

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MISSIONS

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION UPDATE The weather is bringing emergency situations to our friends on the Pine Ridge Reservation. If you wish to help, donations can be made through FUMC, designated to the Pine Ridge Fund. Financial support will be sent to the Pine Ridge Retreat Center for utilities, and through Trees, Water & People for the Henry Red Cloud family and the Renewable Energy Resource Center. For more information, please check the Mission Corner in Fellowship Hall or contact Theresa at 970-219-5960.

CHURCH BOOKMOBILE NEWS FOR SUMMER 2019! The Food Bank will bring their lunch truck and serve a free lunch to kids and teens at our **10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.** stops! Hooray! But we'll need to change our schedule to **THURSDAYS June 6 – August 8**. We will also **make evening stops at 6:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.** Contact Janet Krech 225-0330, ajkrech@msn.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

LIFE LINE SCREENING is coming to First Church on **May 30, 2019**. This is a reduced cost, preventive health screening program. Advanced registration is required. To receive your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

FAITH FORMATION

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS Is there a book you'd like to review or would you like to hear about a variety of books for church libraries? Contact flncnetwork@comcast.com or call David Reid at 970-581-2707 to reserve a spot at the **Faith Libraries of Northern Colorado annual Book Talk on May 18 at First Presbyterian Church**. Also, our library will host a **Spirituality Book of the Month study of Joan Chittester's *The Gift of Years* 3 p.m. May 19**. Contact davidreid24@gmail.com.

9th INNING FOR BASEBALL With more than 20 people signed up for our study of *Baseball as a Path to God*, you'll no doubt meet some new friends in this 9-week study **7-8 p.m. every Wednesday in May and June**. More info and books at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall.

AGEING STRATEGIES Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi presents ways to turn aging into the most meaningful and joyous time of life in his book, *From Age-ing to Sage-ing*. Rev. Rich Thompson will lead a lively discussion at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the **Conference Room for five weeks starting May 2**. Contact David Reid for full information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10 THROUGH 14

Children who are 3 years of age (by September 15, 2018), through grade 5 (completed) are welcome to attend. In addition, we need plenty of volunteers to make this week great! If you are a full-time volunteer, your children attend free. **Online registration is now open!** Please go to the Children's Ministry tab of FCFUMC.net to register or volunteer. Contact Barb Grauberger at childrensdirector@fcfumc.net for more information.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by Lois Quintana and Martha Conant. Thank you for your valuable service!



Our **PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR, Laura Lechtenberg, is retiring** after 24 years with our Preschool. **We will honor her today** with a reception in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m., and an Open House in the Preschool rooms at 11:00 a.m. Please come and thank Laura for her outstanding leadership of our Preschool.

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2019 IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR OUR CHURCH. It is our 150th year of serving this community. The church was officially established in 1869 and was the very first church in Fort Collins. We have some wonderful events planned all year, including giving back to our community. Please join us often this year as we celebrate 150 years and look toward the next 150.

May 19 Community and World Mission Fair
August 25 Old Fashioned Picnic
October 19 Service Day
October 20 Grand Celebration

DID YOU KNOW?...

In **1869**, local Methodists had formed a congregation and asked for an ordained pastor to be assigned by the regional Methodist Episcopal bishop. Their first services were held in the top floor of 'Old Grout' (formerly part of the Army post). Eventually a meeting house was built (30 feet by 40 feet) in which they gathered.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES is **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. Your Special Offering empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to serve Jesus by honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. 50% stays in our conference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries; 25% goes toward scholarships for Native Americans called to ministry or service, 25% helps with expansion ministries through the Native American Urban Initiative.

FAITH FORMATION

THEOLOGY ON TAP will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tap and Handle, 307 S College**. We will discuss *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* by Dr. Willie Jennings. Whether or not you attended the Hagen Lecture or read the book you are welcome! Questions: Kate Norton, fif67@live.com or Martha Conant, marthaconant@gmail.com

UMW invites you to join them on **May 10 in the Parlor** for lunch and a program on women responding and serving in Christ's name. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program. All are welcome!

Pastors

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor
Rev. Cynthia Paquette, Executive Pastor

Deacons

Rev. Sue Harmon, Chaplain, Poudre Valley Hospital
Rev. Kaitlin Elmore, Chaplain, Pathways Hospice, Poudre Valley Hospital

Music Staff

David Adkins, Director of Music Ministries & Communications
Karen Stody, Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries
Joseph Noëlliste, Modern Worship Leader
Josh Colonnieves, Director of Children's Choir (Joyful Noise Choir)
Brenna Martin, Director of Children's Choir (Cherub Choir)

Program Staff

Barb Grauberger, Director of Children and Family Ministries
Rebecca Dunagan, Youth and Family Minister and Kindred CSU Minister
David Reid, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Library
Laurie Elliott, Childcare Coordinator
Liza Judd-Salimbeni, Kids' Closet Coordinator
Laura Lechtenberg, Director of Preschool
Gail Farnum, Director of Parent's Day Out

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Henry Reyna, Facilities Manager
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Max Reyes, Custodian
Kathy Suiste, Custodian
Gabe Betzner, Custodian

URGENT CARE PHONE LINE: (970) 294-6595

Coming Next Week: May 5

Third Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion
"Blinded by the Light"
Psalm 30:1-5 Acts 9:1-15

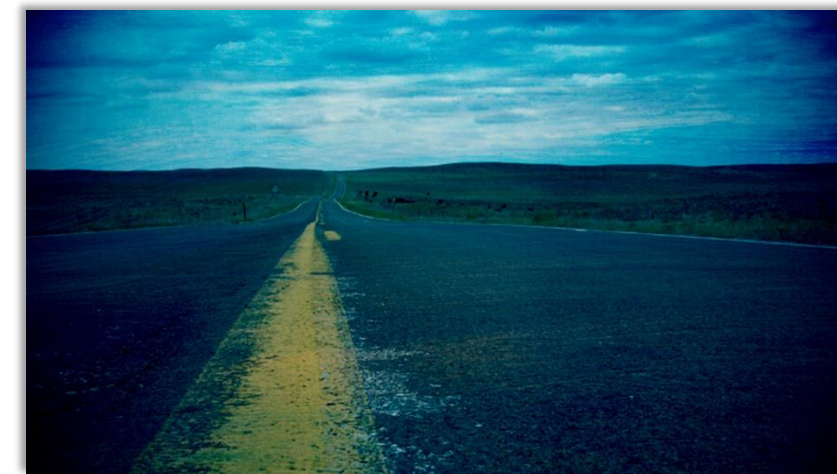
5:00 p.m. Modern Worship followed by dinner
7:00 p.m. REJOICE! Music Ministry Concert



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April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter
"An Unknown Road"



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Sunday Worship Services are at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for all ages.

Thank you for joining us today!