

# FirstCHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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*"... Seeking justice,  
loving kindness,  
and walking humbly with God!"  
Micah 6:8*



**"Living into Beloved Community through  
seeking justice, loving kindness,  
and walking humbly with God"**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020  
RECONCILING MINISTRIES SUNDAY  
Celebrating 23 years as a Reconciling Congregation,  
welcoming absolutely EVERYONE,  
including LGBTQ people and their loved ones.**

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*"They didn't know God could love them because their churches said, God didn't! ... And so, if we can be a church that brings Jesus to people who are told they can't be loved, that's what I want our church to be, and that's the Methodist Church that I love and that I want to be a pastor in one day .... We are the church together! This is the body of Christ! We are God's children! Let us be the church together!"*

J.J. Warren at 2019 Special General Conference

## PRELUDE

"Prelude in E flat"  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens (1823-81)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate Reconciling Ministries Sunday.  
Please share responsively in readings by reading what is in bold.  
All are welcome; you are welcome!*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Diane Beeman & Katie Warren

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ich Liebe dich”  
Alex King, Tenor

Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

*I love you, as do you me, in evening and in the morning, nor was a day, where you and I did not share our troubles. Then when they were shared with you and me, they were easier to bear. You comforted me in my pain, I wept in your laments; therefore may God’s blessings come upon you, you my life’s joy. God protect you, keep you for me, protect and keep us both.*

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Barbara Middleton

As United Methodists, we affirm the Wesleyan Quadrilateral:

**The living core of the Christian faith is revealed in scripture, illumined by tradition, confirmed with reason and made real in personal experience.**

*(The United Methodist Book of Discipline)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### **Amos 5:10-12, 21-24**

<sup>10</sup> *They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.*

<sup>11</sup> *Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.*

<sup>12</sup> *For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.*

<sup>21</sup> *I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.*

<sup>22</sup> *Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.*

<sup>23</sup> *Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.*

<sup>24</sup> *But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

This ends our reading of scripture. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Matthias Krier

## MESSAGE

*Reclaiming Church*

J.J. Warren

CANDLE LIGHTING & COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Celene Lillie

You are invited to light a candle in your home as you lift up a prayer for family, community or world. You may also use the chat function on Zoom to share your prayers with our community. Please don't forget to blow out your candle at the conclusion of today's service.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Tango Etude No. 3" Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)  
Jocelyn Armes, saxophone  
Caitlin Strickland, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jean Hodges

PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 2238 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" Vs. 1 and 6 (*New Dimensions*)  
Julian Rush, 1994

\*BENEDICTION

Matthias Krier

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà, BuxWV 157" Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

*This week, as we all live into the things around us,  
let's remember to offer peace to one another.*

**Thank you to J.J. Warren for being with us via Zoom this morning!**  
We look forward to the time in the future when J.J. can visit with us in person.

**Please watch your email for eblasts, or check our website or our Facebook page, to find out our plans for future church services and gatherings as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop.**

Theme for Sunday, March 22, 2020 -- Trust  
Message: *Fear No Evil*  
Scripture: Psalm 23  
Speaker: Matthias Krier