

# 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 Trusting God”

Sunday, March 22, 2020

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*“Trust in God with your whole heart and do not lean into your own wisdom; in all your ways notice Wisdom, and she will direct your paths.”*

~ Proverbs 3:5-6 The Septuagint. Trans. Celene Lillie © 2020.

### PRELUDE

“Lonesome Valley”  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Gerald W. Holbrook, 2005

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Lent.*

Celene Lillie

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Aspen Malmberg

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Simple Gifts”  
Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman, soprano  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Traditional Shaker Tune,  
Arr. Mark Hayes

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

As United Methodists, we affirm the Wesleyan Quadrilateral:

Helga Schroeder

**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

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd,  
there's nothing I lack.  
You let me lie down in green grasses,  
you guide me to peaceful waters,  
you renew my soul.  
You lead me on just paths  
for the sake of your name.

Even though I walk through  
the deep, dark valley,  
I do not fear evil  
because you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You set a table before me  
in front of my foes.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup is abundantly full.

Only goodness and loving kindness  
shall pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for the rest of my days.

This ends our reading of scripture, Amen.

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## MESSAGE

*Fear No Evil*

Matthias Krier

**Possible Questions for Discussion during Zoom Rooms. Each may choose one or more questions to answer with one another:**

What is your favorite image for God? The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_?  
(examples: guide, redeemer, light, friend, healer, teacher, companion, etc.)

Naming our fears is half the battle to becoming less anxious. What fears would you be willing to share with others?

What word or phrase from Psalm 23 is most helpful to you at this time? Why?

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

Chorale Prelude "Komm Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist"

Gerald Holbrook, organ

J. G. Töpfer (1791-1870)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lisa Carr

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 (Video from YouTube) "It is Well With My Soul"

BENEDICTION

Matthias Krier

POSTLUDE

"Shout On!"

American Hymn Tune by Samuel Medley (1738-1799)

Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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

**Please watch your email, 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.**

**Coming Up for Sunday, March 29, 2020:**

Message: *Jesus Wept*

Scripture: Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

Speaker: Matthias Krier

**Our Vision:** To be an inclusive, progressive Christian community seeking to connect individuals and families of all generations with God's unconditional love.

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**Our Mission:** As an inclusive Christian community of faith, we will celebrate our Christian beliefs through worship, fellowship and service in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment; create vital, relevant ministries for diverse generations, families and individuals; promote theological study and spiritual formation; enrich spiritual life through the arts; and encourage witness and action for a more just, loving, and peaceful world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**What About Church Meetings?** ~ All in-person meetings, events, and worship services have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some church groups have suspended meeting for the time being as we all wait to see what the coming weeks will bring. Others have moved their meetings online. If you aren't sure what your group is doing, please contact your group leader. If you'd like help setting up a Zoom meeting for your group, please contact Stephanie Moffitt: [stephaniewm@fumcboulder.org](mailto:stephaniewm@fumcboulder.org).

**United Methodist Women** ~ Please check with your UMW Circle leaders to find out if online meetings are planned. The annual Friendship Cluster Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, April 18, has been postponed. We will try to find a date in the fall, or it will be held next spring. Chris Nelson, Executive Director of Attention Homes, was to speak. Please keep Attention Homes' clients, residents, and staff in your prayers. They are in need of various items; see the announcement below, or check their website: [www.attentionhomes.org](http://www.attentionhomes.org).

**Helping Out Attention Homes during COVID-19** ~ Our neighbors living in the Attention Homes Apartments are still in need of our support, especially during this trying time. While Attention Homes' administrative offices are closed, they are keeping the front hallway open during business hours (M-F, 9-5) so that individuals can drop off donations that they can distribute to their programs. They're seeking non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and activities such as new board games, cards, video games, a chromebook, manicure and makeup stuff, books, mixing board/stuff to make music with, puzzles, sudoku books, coloring books, and art supplies. Please bring all donations to 1440 Pine St., Suite B, Boulder. Also, if you'd like to provide a home-cooked meal for Attention Homes residents, please email Mo Shirley: [mshirley@attentionhomes.org](mailto:mshirley@attentionhomes.org). Visit Attention Homes' website for more information: [www.attentionhomes.org](http://www.attentionhomes.org).