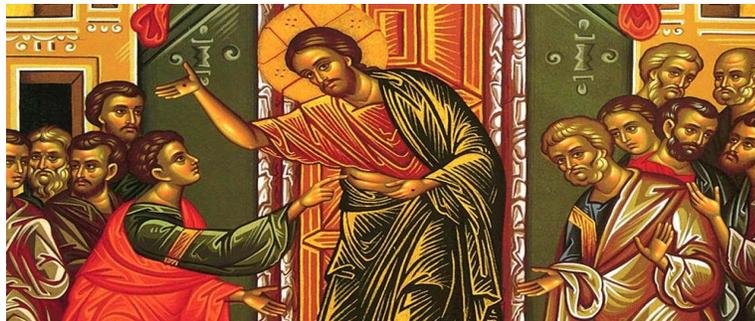


# FirstCHURCH

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

“Living into Beloved Community through New Life in Christ”

Sunday, April 19, 2020

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*“...most of us are wondering when life will get back to normal but normal is what brought us to such a precarious place. Nothing should ever be the same again and while that is an unnerving prospect, it may also be our saving grace.”*

~ Roxanne Gay

PRELUDE      “He Rose Triumphantly”      Oswald Smith and B. D. Ackley, 1944  
Paul Stuber, tenor; Glenna Briant, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Celene Lillie  
*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the first Sunday after Easter!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION      Matthias Krier

SPECIAL MUSIC      “Reflection on the Cross”      Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  
Jordan Ortman, piano      Arr. Heather Sorenson

THE SCRIPTURE READING      Arianna McCue

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: John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin\*), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe\* that Jesus is the Messiah,\* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## MESSAGE

Rev. Roger Wolsey

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Lowell Mason  
Arr. Jan Sanborn

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Celene Lillie

## 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.**

\*BENEDICTION

Roger Wolsey

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Minor, BWV 535  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Rev. Roger Wolsey, Glenna Briant, and Paul Stuber  
*for their contributions to this morning's service.*

**Coming Up Next Sunday: April 26, 2020**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Message: *Are You Walking with Jesus?*

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.

**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

**Heartfelt Cafe Serving Bag Lunches Today** ~ Heartfelt Cafe, our 3rd-Sunday-of-the-month lunch program, will operate with a small crew today and serve bag lunches to guests. These changes allow us to offer lunch to those in need and also take appropriate precautions around COVID-19. No additional volunteers are needed today. We look forward to welcoming our full crew back when it is safe to do so.

**Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic** ~ Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God's work in the world, even in these unsettling days. Mail is still being checked twice weekly in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website:  
<https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>.

*(announcements continue on the next page)*

**Apply Now for the FUMC Scholarship Fund** ~ We are now accepting applications for the FUMC Scholarship Fund! These scholarships support the higher education goals of students from the FUMC community who wish to pursue undergraduate or graduate degrees. This amazing, long-standing tradition of FUMC supporting our youth in education began in 1990 with a portion of the Madge Aden estate. To apply for a scholarship, download the application on our website:

<https://fumcboulder.org/fumc-members-apply-now-for-the-fumc-scholarship-fund/>

We can also email the application to you if you send an email to the church office: [office@fumcboulder.org](mailto:office@fumcboulder.org). The deadline for receiving completed applications in the church office is Friday, May 22.

**Attention Homes: Your Help is Needed** ~ The youth and young adults served by Attention Homes need several in-kind supply donations to help with COVID relief efforts. You can drop off nonperishables including canned and dry goods, as well as stable fruit such as bananas, clementines, oranges and apples. Paper products and cleaning supplies including Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer are also needed. Attention Homes is located at 1440 Pine Street, Suite A (Pine Street side) in Boulder. You can drop off supplies from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the vestibule with no contact. It's best to call ahead to the front desk to give a time estimate on when you'll be there to drop off food: 720-677-6293. You can also make home-made meals for Attention Homes residents; contact Mo Shirley for details on this, or with any other questions about donations: [mshirley@attentionhomes.org](mailto:mshirley@attentionhomes.org).

**UPDATE:** Our church's MOJO (Mission Outreach Justice Opportunities) group is providing a meal for Attention Homes Apartments residents this week! We ordered a meal for 16 people for two upcoming evenings, and the meals will be prepared by Bridge House's catering kitchen.

**Calling All Musicians** ~ If you would like to participate in our Sunday Zoom Services by contributing your musical talent, please contact Gerald Holbrook, our Director of Music: [geraldholbrook99@gmail.com](mailto:geraldholbrook99@gmail.com). All it entails is creating a video of you making music, and sending it to Gerald. This can be vocal or instrumental, or both. Solo, duet, trio, ensemble....everything is possible.

**UMW (United Methodist Women) News: Face Masks for COVID-19** ~ Do you want or need a face mask in light of the Coronavirus crisis? Days for Girls has a new campaign to make a million face masks for distribution worldwide. The local chapter that our UMW works with also received a request from several Denver health care facilities to make reusable CDC-compliant face masks. So some of our members have been making masks. We have also made several of the simple ones that we have available if you want some protection. Please email Connie Takamine ([ctakamine@msn.com](mailto:ctakamine@msn.com)), and we'll figure out how to get one to you. Also if you are interested in helping to make masks, contact Connie. Boulder Community Hospital is also requesting masks. We have some fabric and other supplies you might need. Since these are considered medical supplies, we can deliver them in compliance with the Stay-at-Home order.

**Helping Community Food Share during COVID-19** ~ Community Food Share is cordially and humbly requesting your donations for their Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund. Community Food Share is a food bank fighting hunger in Boulder and Broomfield Counties by providing access to fresh, nutritious food through their local partners and our onsite and mobile pantries. For many years, FUMC has collected food for Community Food Share every November. Like many organizations, they are in need of funds (now more than ever) to purchase food for the more than 40,000 hungry people in our community. If you are able to help with a donation, please use this link to make your gift: <http://bit.ly/COVID19CFS>.