

# FirstCHURCH

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

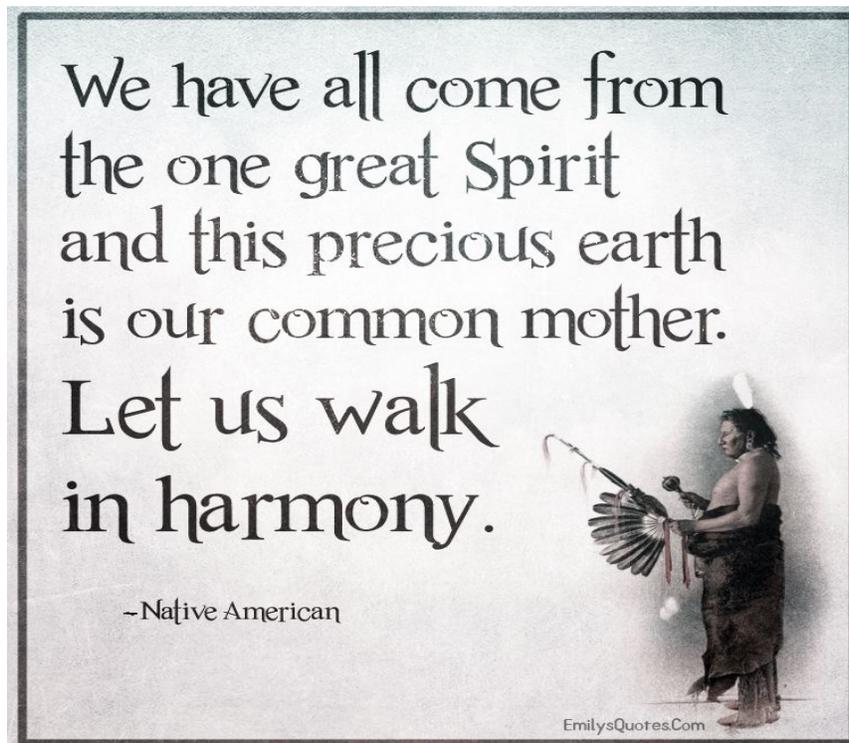


“Living into a More Beloved Community by Walking with Jesus!”

Native American Awareness Sunday

Sunday, April 26, 2020

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION



PRELUDE

“Open Your Hearts”  
The Chancel Choir

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter.*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Diane Beeman & Katie Warren

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Brighton

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: Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles\* from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.\* 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19 He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,\* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.\* Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

25 Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah\* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning



POSTLUDE

“You are Strong, You are Holy”  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Paul A. Tate

**THANK YOU to this morning’s guest musicians,  
Lily Pradeau and Stella Pradeau!**

### **Join Us for Virtual Coffee Hour at 11:30 am!**

Anyone who’d like more time to discuss the scripture, process what is happening around the world, or catch up with your church family is invited to our Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30 am. Check your email...the Zoom meeting information for Coffee Hour was sent out in Friday’s *Pastoral Ponderings* eblast.

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

**Please watch your email for eblasts, or check our website and our Facebook page, to stay connected during social distancing.**

### **Coming Up on Sunday, May 3, 2020**

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Speaker: Stephanie Moffitt

Look for more details about next Sunday’s worship and Zoom coffee hour in the next edition of *Pastoral Ponderings*, our Friday eblast.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Connection Opportunities Next Week** ~ Each week, there are 4 opportunities to connect with your church family online via live, interactive Zoom sessions. On Tuesdays, Celene Lillie hosts Sacred Bites Bible study at 11:45 am. On Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, join us for Church Check In, an informal time together to see how everyone is doing. On Fridays, Stephanie Moffitt hosts a Lunchtime Joke Telling Time for kids at 12:00 pm. And on Sundays, we have virtual Coffee Hour at 11:30 am. Zoom meeting information about Coffee Hour and the Church Check In are sent to our all-church email list. Sacred Bites and the Joke Telling Time have their own email lists. If you’d like to join a list that you’re not currently on, please email the church office: [office@fumcboulder.org](mailto:office@fumcboulder.org).

**Update: Bishop Oliveto Asks Churches to Remain Closed Through at Least May 31** ~ In a letter to United Methodist clergy in the Mountain Sky Conference published this past week, Bishop Karen Oliveto wrote the following: *"As we continue to monitor rates of COVID-19 infection throughout the Mountain Sky Conference, as well as look at models for removing Shelter in Place Restrictions, I am updating my request to keep our churches closed at least through May 2020."*

**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 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/>.

**Bishop Karen Oliveto Grieving the Loss of Her Mother** ~ Bishop Karen Oliveto's mother, Nellie Oliveto, died peacefully in her sleep on April 19. In an April 20 Facebook message, the Bishop wrote, *"Today my heart has broken into a million pieces. My Mum. My beautiful, fierce, strong, independent, loving mother passed away peacefully in her sleep last night. Our last call was last evening and was filled with so much laughter. There's more to say, to celebrate this force of nature. But right now, there's just tears."* Please keep Bishop Oliveto, Robin Ridenour, and all of their family in your prayers. You can email a condolence or expression of care to the Bishop: [bishop@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:bishop@mtnskyumc.org). In lieu of flowers, Bishop Karen and her family ask that gifts in memory of Nellie be made to the Reconciling Ministries Network, 123 W. Madison St. Suite 1450, Chicago, IL 60602, or online at <https://rmnetwork.org/donate-2/>.

**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, 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. (We are checking the church mail weekly.)

**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 about meals, or any questions about donations: [mshirley@attentionhomes.org](mailto:mshirley@attentionhomes.org).

**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.

**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>.