

FirstCHURCH

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



**"Living into a more Beloved Community
through an experience of Pentecost"**

Sunday, May 31, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."
- John 7:38

PRELUDE

"You've Searched Me"
Jordan Ortman, piano

David Haas, Arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

Stephanie Moffitt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Barbara Middleton

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shine Jesus Shine"
Arranged and Performed by Jason Malmberg

Graham Kendrick

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jana Milford

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 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As* the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart* shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit,* because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This ends our reading of scripture. Amen.

MESSAGE

Living Water

Matthias Krier

CANDLE LIGHTING COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

"Your Thought, O Lord"
The Chancel Choir

Gerald W. Holbrook ©2018

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 548

"In Christ There Is No East or West" St. Stephen
(to the tune of "The King Shall Come" from *The Book of Hymns*, 1964)

BENEDICTION

Matthias Krier

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
With all the people you can
As long as ever you can.
Amen.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in C”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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

After worship, please stay on Zoom and join us for Coffee Hour!

Please watch your email, and check our website and Facebook page, to find out about our plans for future church services and gatherings as the coronavirus pandemic continues to develop.

Sunday, June 7 , 2020 - Communion Sunday

*Please have **elements for Communion** such as bread, juice or wine for an online Communion experience during our 10:30 am service next Sunday.*

Scripture Lessons: Q 1, 2; Matthew 3:1-3; Luke 3:2b-4

Speaker: Matthias Krier

Message: *Preparing the Way*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Transition and Community Gatherings ~ Happy Summer everyone! As we transition into a new season—not only in terms of summer but also in the life of our community—we are going to pause our Thursday evening and Friday afternoon online gatherings (Thursday evening Community Check In, and the Friday lunch joke time), as well as Matthias's Thursday afternoon conference call. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new opportunities for families, youth, and the wider community to gather in the coming weeks—particularly as Pastor Mike Mather joins us and Kathryn Reklis returns as Theologian in Residence in July!

MOJO (Mission Outreach Justice Opportunities) and Information for those Interested in Social Justice and the Environment ~ During this time, we will list some opportunities to volunteer in our community, or ways you can be engaged in justice opportunities, in our bulletins and the *Pastoral Ponderings* eblast. Here are this week's offerings! Questions or comments to Brenda Mehos, MOJO Co-Coordinator: bmehos@comcast.net. (continued on the next page)

In this week's news, we had multiple sad reminders that we are still far from being free of racial injustice in this country. Here are several ways to be engaged, educate ourselves, and develop curiosity about our own unconscious biases:

The Poor People's Campaign is the continued fruit and seed from Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights foundations. They started two years ago with their MORAL MONDAY marches and rallies, and non-violent demonstrations (NEWS that never made it to Colorado much). They are now organizing a virtual call for action on June 20, 2020. Please visit their website to learn more about *A National Call for Moral Revival: Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington*. Visit their website (<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>) to register and show your support for this movement, the largest digital gathering of poor and impacted people in this nation's history. Please RSVP and reach out to everyone you know - you won't want to miss it!

And an article worth reading:

"75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice" by Connie Shutack:

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>

Coming In July: Arts for Kids' Souls Virtual Camp ~ This year's Arts for Kids' Souls Camp will be held during July. Due to safety precautions and gathering restrictions, camp will move to a limited virtual gathering, with arts and crafts, lessons, and activities provided when you register your kids for camp. Next week we will be sending out more details, including a registration link. If you have questions, please reach out to Camp Director Stephanie Moffitt: stephaniewm@fumcboulder.org.

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/>.

Out Boulder County Offering Direct Aid Program ~ Our partners at Out Boulder County (OBC) have started a direct aid program for LGBTQ individuals being disproportionately impacted by the novel coronavirus. In an email this week, OBC wrote, "We are well aware of the fact that LGBTQ individuals are at higher risk of being seriously impacted by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, both in terms of finances as well as health, as a result of marginalization that leads to more negative health indicators and economic disadvantages. As Out Boulder County works to remain responsive to our communities' needs in this unprecedented time while fulfilling our mission to provide support to our LGBTQ communities, we have started an LGBTQ Direct Aid program in which applicants can apply for financial support ranging from

\$25 up to \$800 per individual.” If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please visit OBC’s website to learn more and apply for aid: <https://www.outboulder.org/covid19/#aid>.

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. 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) ~ Although UMW circles may not be meeting, members are keeping busy. We have made over 300 cloth masks. These have been distributed to medical facilities, animal hospitals, senior living centers, day care centers, the Boulder County Sheriff’s department including inmates at the jail, and to more than 30 of our members and friends. The need for masks is not diminishing, but increasing. If you are interested in helping, please email Connie Takamine: ctakamine@msn.com. Also if you need a mask, which is now mandatory in many public areas, please let Connie know. Through all of this, if you have not yet responded to your UMW Pledge to Mission letter, please consider making a financial contribution. We are still supporting missions around the world. Most all conference activities have been suspended through the summer. We still hope to have our summer tea at Ruth Irvin’s home...stay tuned!

Needed: Old T-Shirts!!! ~ Do you have old t-shirts to spare? They can be holey, they can be paint-smearred. They just need to be washed. Since faces come in all shapes and sizes, cloth masks do not fit everyone in the same way. Someone has come up with ingenious t-shirt ties that require NO sewing. If you can donate some t-shirts, please contact Connie Takamine: ctakamine@msn.com. Please also contact her if you’re interested in learning how to make t-shirt ties.

May Mission of the Month: FUMC Scholarship Fund ~ It has been said that education is the great equalizer and opens the doors to many opportunities. First United Methodist Church has long been committed to helping young people get an education. For many years, the church has granted scholarships thanks to a generous gift from a former teacher. Mother’s Day was established as the official offering day for contributions to the Scholarship Fund, but donations will be accepted all month long. Please consider giving generously to help more young people achieve their educational goals. You can mail your check made payable to First United Methodist Church to the church office; please write “May Mission of the Month” in the memo line. You can also make your gift online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>.

Attention Homes Needs During COVID-19 ~ Help Attention Homes keep their pantries stocked for Attention Homes Apartments residents! Needed items include nonperishables including canned and dry goods; stable fruit such as bananas, clementines, oranges and apples; paper products; and cleaning supplies including Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer. 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 before coming by: 720-677-6293. Contact Mo Shirley with any questions about donations, or if you're interested in providing a complete meal for residents: mshirley@attentionhomes.org.

UPDATE: The Attention Homes fundraising gala, Hollywood Lights, has been rescheduled for Saturday evening, August 8. Visit Attention Homes' website to learn more: <https://www.attentionhomes.org/13th-annual-gala/>.