

# FirstCHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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



## May 10, 2020 Festival of the Christian Home Mother's Day

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ~ I John 4:7-8*

### PRELUDE

"People of Zion"  
The Chancel Choir

Gerald W. Holbrook, ©2018

Gerald Holbrook, conductor

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the fifth Sunday after Easter!*

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jean Hodges

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stephanie Moffitt

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

Olivia Malmberg

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 LESSONS

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. \* 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem\* on your forehead, 9and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Matthew 22:35-40**

And one of them, a doctor of the Law, putting him to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

This ends our reading of scripture. Amen.

## MESSAGE

*Love is The Answer!*

Matthias Krier

### **Breakout Rooms:**

What is it I like least about my family?

What is it I love best about my family?

## CANDLE LIGHTING COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Matthias Krier

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

"Boundless Love"

John Prine

Jason Malmberg, guitar and vocals

## 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.**

HYMN #103      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”      (St. Denio)  
Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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      “Ave Maria”      Traditional Chant, Mode 1  
Kirsten Carpenter, soprano      Arr. Paul A. Tate  
Jordan Ortman, piano

*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 or our  
Facebook page, for plans about future church services and gatherings  
as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop.**

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**  
Scripture Lesson: John 14:15-21  
Message Given by Celene Lillie

Look for the Zoom meeting information for next Sunday's worship and coffee hour  
in the next edition of *Pastoral Ponderings*, our Friday eblast.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Give Blood If You Can** ~ Vitalant is asking healthy people to consider giving  
blood right now to help with anticipated needs due both to COVID-19, and to non-  
COVID medical procedures that were delayed due to the pandemic. For more  
information, and to schedule a donation appointment, visit their website:  
<https://www.vitalant.org/Home.aspx>.

**Connection Opportunities Next Week** ~ Missing your church family? Don't worry! You can still connect with us! There are six opportunities to connect with First UMC of Boulder each week:

Sunday:	10:30 am	Worship & Coffee Hour on Zoom
Tuesday:	11:45 am	Sacred Bites Bible Study with Celene on Zoom
Wednesday:	6:30 pm	Youth Meet-Up with Heidi on Zoom (every other week)
Thursday:	12:30 pm	Community CIC (Check In Call) on Conference Call with Matthias
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Community Check In on Zoom
Friday:	12:00 pm	Family Story Time with Stephanie on Zoom

If you're on our email list, you'll receive Zoom meeting information and conference call information for these gatherings. If you'd like to be added to our email list, or if you need help connecting on Zoom or our Conference Call system, please call or email the church office: 303.442.3770 or [office@fumcboulder.org](mailto:office@fumcboulder.org).

**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 25-30 masks to 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](mailto:ctakamine@msn.com). Also if you need a mask, which is now mandatory in many 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...more details to come!

**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](mailto:ctakamine@msn.com). Please also contact her if you're interested in learning how to make t-shirt ties.

**May Mission of the Month** ~ 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 Madge Aden, a former teacher. Mother's Day was established as the 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/>.

**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/>.

**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, visit the scholarship page on our website to download the application: <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).  
**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/>.

**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>.