

FirstCHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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



May 17, 2020 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

As the crickets' soft autumn hum is to us,
So are we to the trees,
As they are to the rocks and the hills.
~Gary Snyder

PRELUDE

"What You Have Done for Me"
Jordan Ortman, piano

Tony Alonso

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Moffitt

Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lisa Carr

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Karen Sandvold

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 14:15-21

15 “If you all love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give another counselor to you, so that it might be with you forever. 17 The Spirit of truth, which the world cannot grasp, because the world neither sees nor knows it. You all know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in all of you.

18 “I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you. 19 And in a little while the world will no longer see me, but you all will see me; because I live, also you all will live. 20 On that day all of you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and also I will love them and show myself to them.”

MESSAGE

Celene Lillie

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

“Eternal Life”

Olive Duncan

Paul Stuber, tenor; Glenna Briant, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

Matthias Krier

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 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

(Marion) Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

BENEDICTION

Celene Lillie

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in G”

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Gerald Holbrook, organ

*This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let us 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, May 24, 2020
Celebration of This Year's Graduates
Speaker: Pastor Matthias Krier**

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

It's Time to Celebrate Our Graduates ~ In our Zoom worship service next Sunday, May 24th, we'll be honoring those who have graduated during the past year. If there's a graduate in your family who you'd like to have recognized on this special day, please email the church office: office@fumcboulder.org. Please tell us the name of the graduate, from what school they are graduating, the degree that they've completed (high school diploma, master's degree, doctorate, for example), and what their plans are for after graduation. Please get this information to us by next Wednesday, May 20th, at 12:00 noon. Thank you!

Heartfelt Café Serving Bag Lunches Today ~ Heartfelt Café, our 3rd-Sunday-of-the-month soup kitchen 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.

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.

Out Boulder County Starting 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.

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 ~ Connect With Us! 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.

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 others. Plus we have distributed masks to 25-30 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 mandatory in many areas, please let Conne 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. 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/>.

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 still accepting applications (for a few more days!) 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. Visit 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. 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.

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>.