

# FirstCHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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



## Becoming a Beloved Community

Sunday May 3rd, 2020

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter.*

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*When we recognize the Sacred as beyond our control, we lay down the arrogance of believing transformation depends on any singular person in isolation. We choose, instead, to live as a part of something with others, refusing to betray the collective faith, and we can trust in the good God may do with it.*

-Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters

### PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Tune: OLIVET  
Lowell Mason, Arr. Brad Nix

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

Lenna Kottke

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 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This ends our reading of scripture. Amen.

## REFLECTION

Stephanie Moffitt

## CANDLE LIGHTING 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. Please don't forget to blow out your candle at the conclusion of today's service.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Voluntary in B-flat”  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

## 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 #152

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

(Forest Green)  
Trad. English melody

## BENEDICTION

Stephanie Moffitt

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in D” Johann Caspar Simon (1701-1776)  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

**THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to worship today.**

**Don't run away...stay on Zoom for Coffee Hour!**

Join us to discuss the scripture, process what is happening around the world, or catch up with your church family during our Zoom Coffee Hour immediately following worship today.

*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 10, 2020**

Pastor Matthias will give the message, *What I Love About My Family*.

Look for more details about next Sunday's worship and Zoom 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** ~ 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: 10:30AM Worship & Coffee Hour on Zoom  
Tuesday: 11:45 AM Sacred Bites Bible Study with Celene on Zoom  
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Youth Meetup with Heidi on Zoom (every other week)  
Thursday: 12:30PM Church Check In on conference call with Matthias  
Thursday: 7:00 PM Church 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 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](mailto:ctakamine@msn.com). Also if you need a mask, which may soon be mandatory, please let her know. Through all of this, if you have not yet responded to your 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 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 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).  
**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/>.

**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.

**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>. **UPDATE:** Community Food Share is currently running the Hunger Hurts Virtual Fund and Food Drive through today, May 3. Visit their website to learn how to support this drive: <https://communityfoodshare.org/donations/food-fund-drives/hunger-hurts/>