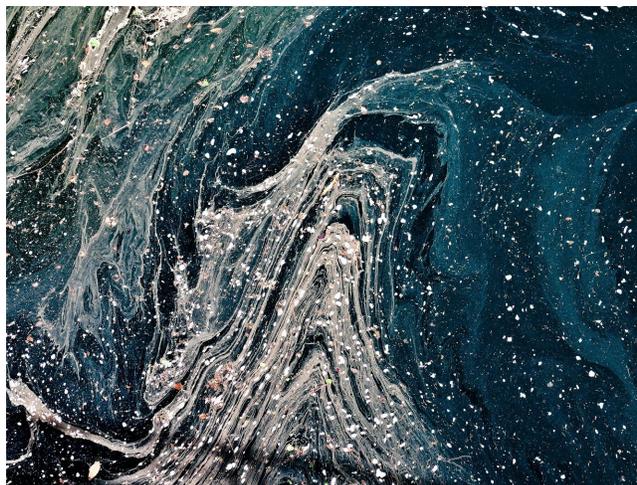


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*"...Seeking justice,
loving kindness, and walking humbly
with God!" ~ Micah 6:8*



"Living into Beloved Community in the Midst of Change" Sunday, June 21, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing [them]self." ~ Leo Tolstoy

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." ~ Albert Einstein

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ~ Harriet Tubman

PRELUDE

"Voluntary in F"
Gerald Holbrook, organ

William Hine (1687-1730)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost.

Stephanie Moffit

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Stephanie Moffitt

THE SCRIPTURE READING

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)

Lisa Dixon

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴“A student is not above the teacher, nor a slave above their master; ²⁵it is enough for the student to be as their teacher, and the slave as their master. If they have called the master of the house ‘Beelzebul,’ how much more will they say about those in the household?!” ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be uncovered and secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, say in the light; and what you all hear in your ear, proclaim on your housetops.

²⁸”And do not fear the ones who kill the body and are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear the one who can destroy your life--both soul and body—in Gehenna.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for fifty cents? And yet not one of them will fall to the earth without your Father. ³⁰And even all the hairs of your head are counted.

³¹So do not be afraid; you all are worth more than many sparrows.

³²”Therefore, all who agree with me in front of others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in the heavens; ³³but whoever denies me in front of others, I will also deny before my Father in the heavens.

³⁴Do not believe that I have come to cast peace upon the earth; I have not come to cast peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to divide a man against his father and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and the members of one’s household will be their enemies.

³⁷The one who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹The one who finds their life will lose it, and the one who loses their life for the sake of me will find it.”

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

“Interlude in D-minor”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

William Hine (1687-1730)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jean Hodges

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.

CLOSING SONG 318 “Christ Is Alive” (*Truro*) *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

BENEDICTION

Celene Lillie

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in A”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

*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 28, 2020
Speaker: Celene Lillie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are deeply appreciative of the small group of volunteers helping Heartfelt Café continue to operate during this time. We look forward to welcoming our full crew back when it is safe to do so.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Due to gathering restrictions and safety precautions, we will be offering Virtual Compassion Camp from July 27-31, rather than Arts for Kids' Souls Camp, which was originally planned for this summer. Parents can now register their family to participate in Virtual Compassion Camp online: <https://forms.gle/YCfBpvLwutV3axKa8>.

A few things to know about camp at this point:

- 1.) There will be a minimal cost associated with camp for families to participate.
- 2.) There will be one pick-up time of a materials kit, and one drop-off time of a completed family project.
- 3.) Everything your family will need for camp will be included in your materials kit.
- 4.) There will be short daily check-ins via Zoom for your kids with Stephanie, our camp director.

As more details are finalized, we will update everyone who is interested in camp. Please email Camp Director Stephanie Moffitt if you have questions: stephaniewm@fumbouldr.org.

TIR Kathryn Reklis Returns in July -- *Apocalypse, Utopia and Fairytales: Imagining the End of the World and What Comes Next*

Dr. Kathryn Reklis is returning to FUMC Boulder as a TIR (Theologian-in-Residence) this summer! Drawing on her Forum series over the past two summers, Professor Reklis will revisit the themes of art, spirituality and social justice with an exploration of new artists, art movements, and popular culture. In response to the global pandemic and the growing revolution for racial justice, this series will explore art and popular culture that explores why the world as we know it must end, imagines the end of that world, and/or offers a vision of the human creativity that will remake the new world to come. We will explore how artists call for radical revisioning of our lives together and seed our imaginations with ways to think about ways of being and living that are “otherwise” to unjust realities. Each week we will consider a different artist, artistic style, or genre as a way to think about how art names injustice and then also imagines the end of unjust worlds and the birth of just ones. We will meet on Wednesday evenings (July 8, 15, 22, and 29) at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Celene Lillie will be offering a preparatory session on Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 on Zoom: “Apocalypse and [the book of] Revelation.” Check

future editions of the Pastoral Ponderings, our Friday email newsletter, for more details and Zoom meeting information. Email Celene with questions: clillie@fumcboulder.org.

Stephanie Has Some Exciting News to Share!

Dear members and friends of First Church,

Starting on July 1, I will start a new ministry position as Director of the Wesley Foundation at CU of Boulder. This position is a part time position so I will also remain on staff at First Church working with our families. I am excited about starting this new ministry position AND continuing to be in ministry with all of you! I believe there is great potential for Wesley and First Church to partner in ministry efforts in Boulder. I know there is a long history of relationships and connections between First Church and the Wesley Foundation, so I feel honored to be a part of both organizations and continue these relationships.

If you have any questions about this news, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Stephanie Moffitt
Director of Family Life Ministries

A Note of Thanks from Matthias

Dear friends,

Della and I were moved to tears with the outpouring of gifts, cards, flowers, and money during the drive-by farewell on Sunday after worship. These gifts and the generous Love Offering we were given are deeply appreciated. Furthermore, the sentiments expressed in the cards were heart-felt and once again, moved us to tears. We cannot thank you all enough for the love and support you have given us and we will miss you. Della and I will be traveling to Montana on Saturday, June 20. After helping me get settled into the parsonage, Della will return to our home in Longmont on July 4th.

Many blessings on your ministry with the Rev. Mike Mather who will be coming on July 1st. I trust that you will open your hearts to Mike and welcome him and his wife, Kathy, wholeheartedly to First UMC. If there is a need for pastoral care before Mike arrives, please contact Helga Schroeder or Rosalee Blake. Thank you all again so very much for everything, and God Bless!

Matthias & Della

Volunteers Needed! BUMMP is Painting Historic Erie UMC ~ BUMMP

(Boulder United Methodist Mission Partners) needs volunteers to help paint the exterior of Erie UMC on June 25-27. Sign up for a 2 1/2-hour time block, and bring your own brush, scraper and roller. No more than 10 people will be present per time block. Email Belinda Strickland to sign up: sbstrickland@mac.com.

June Mission of the Month: Online Compassion Camp ~ Our June mission giving will benefit this year's online Compassion Camp, which we will offer July 27-31. Camp Director Stephanie Moffitt is planning this virtual camp in place of Arts for Kids' Souls Camp this year, and will be providing each family with a camp materials kit for use at home. Your gift will help with supplies for the kits, and will also support camp scholarships so lack of funds do not prevent any child from participating. Please consider giving generously so that children can enjoy a great camp experience this summer! Mail your check made payable to First United Methodist Church to the church office; please write "June Mission of the Month" in the memo line. You can also make your gift online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Choose "June," and enter your desired amount. Thank you!

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.

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/>.