

First **CHURCH**
First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, July 5, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION:

“spring song” by Lucille Clifton

*the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible*

INTROIT: “You Are Mine” David Haas (b.1957)
Tessa Espinosa, soprano; Kyle Griffin, tenor

THE CALL: Mike Mather

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Celene Lillie

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Sue Brighton

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)

A SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, God, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by God; and no one knows the Son except God, and no one knows God except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God.

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH:

Sandy Brown

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:25-30

Sue Brighton

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Glory" Written by Common and John Legend
Performed by Rajdulari, Aaron Brooks-Roberts,
Monique Brooks-Roberts and Kerrie Joy

MESSAGE: *How Can We Sing the Lord's Song
in a Strange Land: Rest in Power*

Rev. Mike Mather

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW (United Methodist Women) ~ Over 10,000 masks distributed! United Methodist Women have helped to distribute over 10,000 masks in Boulder County. Masks have gone to the Sheriff's Department including the county jail inmates, daycare facilities, Youth Corps, senior facilities, and to other people in vulnerable situations. We are still making masks because the need still exists. Thanks to all our mask makers! The people receiving them are very grateful. UMW Calendar: Most events are still in limbo, and the Circle groups are off for the summer. The Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, July 7, via Zoom at 9:30 am. We are still hoping to have some kind of summer event.

Church Renovation Starting Next Week! ~ Thanks to the generous bequest of Thelma Haydon, we are going to renovate and improve several areas of our church building! The main floor restrooms will be expanded and made ADA-compliant and the kitchenette will be enlarged/ The parlor, library, and main floor offices, as well as the upstairs conference room and classroom 319, will get new carpeting and will be painted. The main floor hallways will have vinyl tile in a wood-like pattern. The upstairs offices, youth room, and basement are not being renovated at this time, as we will be working on a strategic plan about how best to use our church building in the future. Construction will begin on July 8 and will last for approximately two months. During this time, there will be limited access to the building, many areas will be hard-hat areas, and the circle drive will be blocked with construction equipment.

Announcing the Retirement of Francisco Ruiz ~ Our longtime custodian, Francisco Ruiz, has announced his retirement effective August 1, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have an in-person celebration of Cisco. If you would like to send him well wishes, you can email him at cisco@fumcboulder.org, or send your cards and greetings to him at the church. Cisco has worked for FUMC Boulder for fifteen years! We sincerely appreciate his dedication and all of his hard work, and we wish him happiness, relaxation, and fulfillment in his retirement.

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/>.

Summer Camp Update: Registration is Now Open! ~ Registration for our Virtual Compassion Camp July 27-31 is now open! Here is the registration link (you can also find it on the church's website): <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.

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 meet on Wednesday evenings (July 8, 15, 22, and 29) at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information for Kathryn's sessions was sent out in Friday's *Pastoral Ponderings* eblast. More information about Kathryn's sessions is on the church's website: Please email Celene with any questions: clillie@fumcboulder.org.