

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, July 12, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION:

“Blacksmith Shop” by Czeslaw Milosz

*I liked the bellows operated by rope.
A hand or a foot pedal – I don't remember.
But that blowing and blazing of fire!
And a piece of iron in the fire, held there by tongs,
Red, softened, ready for the anvil,
Beaten with a hammer, bent into a horseshoe,
Thrown in a bucket of water, sizzle, steam.
And horses hitched to be shod,
Tossing their manes; and in the grass by the river
Plowshares, sledge runners, harrows waiting for repair.
At the entrance, my bare feet on the dirt floor,
Here, gusts of heat; at my back, white clouds,
I stare and stare. It seems I was called for this:
To glorify things just because they are.*

PRELUDE: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Tessa Espinosa soprano; Kyle Griffin, piano

THE CALL: Rev. Mike Mather

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Fran Saxon

THE SCRIPTURE READING:

Arianna McCue

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 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH:

Andrew "Que" Jones

SPECIAL MUSIC: "People Get Ready"

Asha Romeo, vocals; Deborah Schmid-Lobis, accompanist

MESSAGE: *How Do You Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land:* Rev. Mike Mather
No Community Gardens Necessary in the Land of Eden

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: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Playing” Ken Medema
Gerald Holbrook, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER: Stephanie Moffitt

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BENEDICTION: Mike Mather

POSTLUDE: “Et Exultavit” J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Kelly Riordan, mezzo-soprano
Zerek Dodson, piano

**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 future online church services and gatherings
as the coronavirus pandemic continues to develop.

Sunday, July 19, 2020
Speaker: Rev. Mike Mather

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Renovation Has Begun: Demo is Complete ~ The renovation of our church has begun! Demolition was completed this week, and construction will begin soon. This work was made possible by the generous bequest of Thelma Haydon. 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. Construction 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.

Best Wishes to Cisco ~ Our long-time custodian and faithful steward of our building, Francisco "Cisco" Ruiz, is retiring on July 31st after 15 years of service. We are so very grateful for all he has done and given this place across the years! His delightful presence and good work will be missed. We want to encourage you to send Cisco a card (c/o First United Methodist Church, 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302), and feel free to include a gift or a gift card to thank him and send him on his way with our love and blessings. If you enclose a check, please make it payable to Francisco Ruiz.

TIR Kathryn Reklis is Here: *Apocalypse, Utopia and Fairytales: Imagining the End of the World and What Comes Next* ~ Dr. Kathryn Reklis has returned to FUMC Boulder as a TIR (Theologian-in-Residence) this month! 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. Kathryn's series began this past Wednesday, and will continue for the next three Wednesday evenings, July 15, 22, and 29, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information was sent out in Friday's *Pastoral Ponderings* eblast. Detailed, week-by-week information about Kathryn's series is on the church's website. Please email Dr. Celene Lillie with any questions: clillie@fumcboulder.org.

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@fumboulder.org.

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/>.