

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, July 19, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION:

You see, I want a lot.
Maybe I want it all:
the darkness of each endless fall,
the shimmering light of each ascent.
So many are alive who don't seem to care.
Casual, easy, they move in the world
as though untouched.

But you take pleasure in the faces
of those who know they thirst.
You cherish those
who grip you for survival.

You are not dead yet, it's not too late
to open your depths by plunging into them
and drink in the life
that reveals itself quietly there.

~ Rilke

PRELUDE: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
Glenna Briant, piano

THE CALL:

Rev. Mike Mather

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Jennie Elliott

THE SCRIPTURE READING:

Bob Carr

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 13:24-30

Jesus put before them another parable: "The realm of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH:

Andrew "Que" Jones

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rondo from Concerto No. 4, Op. 65 Georg Goltermann (1824-98)

Samantha Buyungo, piano

Sydelle Buyungo, cello

MESSAGE: *How Do We Sing the Lord's Song in a New Land?:* Rev. Mike Mather
100 Year Work

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

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 for 2 More Wednesdays: *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 is revisiting 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 is delving into 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 on July 8, and will continue for two more Wednesday evenings, July 22 and 29, at 7:00 pm on 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.

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, who have been very grateful for our continued support, and also take appropriate precautions around COVID-19. No additional volunteers are needed today; we actually have a few new young volunteers this month to support our efforts. We are deeply appreciative of all the 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.

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You Can Still Register for Our Virtual Summer Camp ~ Registration for our Virtual Compassion Camp, coming up July 27-31, is still 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:

- 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.

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/>.