

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

1421 Spruce Street Boulder, CO 80302  
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*10:30 am Worship*

*Sunday, July 26, 2020*

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WORDS FOR MEDITATION:

“St. Peter and the Angel”

by Denise Levertov

*Delivered out of raw continual pain,  
smell of darkness, groans of those others  
to whom he was chained--*

*unchained, and led  
past the sleepers,  
door after door silently opening--  
out!*

*And along a long street's  
majestic emptiness under the moon:*

*one hand on the angel's shoulder, one  
feeling the air before him,  
eyes open but fixed . . .*

*And not till he saw the angel had left him,  
alone and free to resume  
the ecstatic, dangerous, wearisome roads of  
what he had still to do,  
not till then did he recognize*



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Largo in d minor" John Travers (1703-1758)  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH: Laura Olinger

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Joyful, Joyful"  
Asha Romeo, vocals  
Lennart Triesschijin, pianist

MESSAGE: *How Do We Sing the Lord's Song in a New Land?:* Rev. Michael Mather  
*A Joyful Theology*

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 Praying" Ken Medema  
Arabelle & Archer Moffitt, vocals  
John Moffitt, guitar

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (*while muted sing along at home*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Celene Lillie

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE:

*Magnificat*

C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

The Chancel Choir, Gerald Holbrook, Director

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

**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.

**August 2, 2020**

Speaker: Rev. Mike Mather

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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/>.

**Digital Dinners Coming in August** ~ Throughout the month of August there will be the opportunity for you to attend Digital Dinners with Mike. These will be chances for him to hear from the parish about the things that are meaningful to us. While we are meeting feel free to have some dinner, make some dinner - let this be a great time for sharing stories and getting to know one another! Please watch your email for more information about these upcoming opportunities--information about how to sign up will be coming to your inbox early next week!

**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 FirstUnited 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.