

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, August 2, 2020

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION:**

*And so  
it has taken me  
all of sixty years  
to understand  
that water is the finest drink,  
and bread the most delicious food,  
and that art is worthless  
unless it plants  
a measure of splendor in people's hearts.*

by Taha Muhammad Ali

**PRELUDE:**

“Prelude, Op 18”  
Glenna Briant, organ

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

**THE CALL:**

Rev. Mike Mather

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

Aspen Malmberg, Liturgist

The peace and presence of God IS with us.  
Liturgist: So we lift up our hearts.  
And the family says, “We lift them up to God.”

**People: We lift them up to God!**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING:**

Caitlin Czernik

As United Methodists, we affirm the Wesleyan Quadrilateral:

**The living core of the Christian faith is revealed in scripture, illuminated by tradition, confirmed with reason and made real in personal experience.**

*(The United Methodist Book of Discipline)*

**A SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.):**

Let us give thanks to our God, because it is the right thing to do, not only now, but always - day after day after day.



God of power and might!

The family says: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!"

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!**

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

The family says: "Heaven and Earth are full of your glory."

**People: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

Liturgist: Hosanna in the Highest!

The family says: "Hosanna in the Highest!"

**People: Hosanna in the Highest!**

**SONG:** "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" Ken Medema  
Arabelle and Archer Moffitt, vocals; John Moffitt, guitar

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Blessed is your Son who came to preach the good news to the poor, release the captives, help the blind recover their sight, free the oppressed, and announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Liturgist: He healed the sick.

And the family says, "He healed the sick."

**People: He healed the sick.**

Liturgist: He is healing the sick now.

And the family says, "He is healing the sick now."

**People: He is healing the sick now.**

Liturgist: He will heal the sick, day after day after day.

And the family says, "day after day after day."

**People: day after day after day.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Let us see a community of healers and hope givers, as together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The family says: Christ has died.

**People: Christ has died.**

The family says: “Christ is risen.”

**People: Christ is risen.**

The family says: “Christ will come again.”

**People: Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Let them be for us Christ, so that we may bear witness in the world to the body of Christ, made whole by his witness, passion and life.

In this season of social distancing, may you remind us that we are never spiritually distant from You.

We belong to your body.

The family says: “We belong to your body.”

**People: We belong to your body.**

May the Spirit use us to heal and reconcile in Jesus name.

The family says: “We will heal and reconcile in Jesus name.”

**People: We will heal and reconcile in Jesus name.**

And now, Holy Spirit, make us one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world.

Liturgist: The family says: "Amen!"

**People: Amen!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

This bread reminds us that any life, no matter how broken, or sick, or distorted it may become, can be made whole again.

**THE POURING OF THE CUP:**

The cup reminds us that any life, no matter how empty, or lonely, or isolated it may become, can be filled again. These are the gifts of God, for the family of God.

Liturgist: And the family says, "Thanks be to God."

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE INVITATION:**

I invite you to prayerfully partake in Holy Communion by whatever means you have.

**HYMN:** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*(sing along with the words as they appear on the screen)*

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING:**

Day after day after day you give yourself to us: in two or three gathered in your

name, in connection across the miles, and in bread and wine. As we go from this gathering around your table, may we feel restored to your body, companioned by your people, and sustained by the power of your Spirit as we witness to your healing and reconciling work. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Stephanie Moffitt

**THE BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Mike Mather

**POSTLUDE:** “Fantasia in B flat” Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)  
Gerald Holbrook, harpsichord

**This week, as we all live into the things around us,  
let’s remember to offer peace to one another.**

**THANK YOU to those who contributed  
their time and talents to our service today:**

Glenna Briant; Caitlin Czernik; Aspen Malmberg;  
Arabelle, Archer, and John Moffitt; Kelly Riordan

**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.

**Join Us for Our Service on August 9, 2020**

10:30 am MDT on Zoom

Speaker: Michael Mather

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Digital Dinners This Month** ~ You should have received an email about the upcoming series of Digital Dinners with Mike this month. These online gatherings 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! As of this writing, most Digital Dinners still have space. Sign up for the Digital Dinner of your choice by emailing the church office: [office@fumcboulder.org](mailto:office@fumcboulder.org). As the date of your Digital Dinner approaches, Church Administrator Jessica Harbeson will email you with the Zoom meeting information.

**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/>.