

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

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*10:30 am Worship*

*Sunday, August 23, 2020*

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

“Messenger”

by Mary Oliver

My work is loving the world.  
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird—  
equal seekers of sweetness.  
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.  
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?  
Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect? Let me  
keep my mind on what matters,  
which is my work,

which is mostly standing still and learning to be  
astonished.

The phoebe, the delphinium.

The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.

Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here,

which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart  
and these body-clothes,  
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy  
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,  
telling them all, over and over, how it is  
that we live forever.

## PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Jordan Ortman piano

## THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Elliott Mickelberry

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)*

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Human One is?"*

*And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."*

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"*

*Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

*And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but God in heaven.*

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.*

*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

*Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.*

## LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“You Raise Me Up”  
Paul Stuber, tenor

Josh Groban

**SERMON**

*How Do We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land:  
Food and Power*  
Rev. Michael Mather

**HYMN**

“I Come with Joy”

Brian Wren, 1968

1. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
2. And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise God here, we see and praise God here.

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**RECEIVING COMMUNION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Celene Lillie

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Michael Mather

**POSTLUDE**

“Fantasia in G Minor”  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

***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:

**Di Beeman and Katie Warren**  
**Ruth Irvin**  
**Aiden, Georgia, Justin, and Melissa Livingston**  
**Elliott Mickelberry**  
**Rich and Fran Saxon**  
**Paul Stuber**

***After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

Please watch your email, and check our website and Facebook page,  
for info about future online church services and gatherings  
as the coronavirus pandemic continues to develop.

**Join Us for Our Service on August 30, 2020**

10:30 am MDT on Facebook or via our website

Speaker: Michael 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/>.