

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, August 30, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“what the cathedral said to the black boy”
by Clint Smith

*come inside child
rest yourself
it's okay to want to be held
ain't we all just trying to be
some type of sanctuary for someone?
for every year we are not destroyed
do they not remind us what a miracle
it is to have lasted this long?
amid this plunder
amid all this wreckage
take a breath and call it prayer
take a step and call living
what that ocean tell you child?
that they're frightened of you?
they fear you because they ain't
ready for your type of holy
close your eyes
those stained-glass shadows
all we got is what we name ourselves
otherwise I am just a room
you are just body
& we know how wrong that is*

PRELUDE “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” The Southern Harmony, 1835
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Heather Sorenson

THE CALL Rev. Michael Mather

THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READING Olivia Malmberg

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 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Human One is to come with his angels in the glory of God, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

SERMON *How Do We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land:
Blocking Abundance*
Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC "Let the Mystery Be" Iris DeMent (b. 1961)
Tessa Espinosa, soprano; Kyle Griffin, piano

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

HYMN: "In the Breaking of the Bread" Bob Hurd, 1984

Refrain: In the breaking of the bread We have known him; we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord, be our companion, be our hope.

1. Bread for the journey, strength for our years, Manna of ages, of struggle and tears. Cup of salvation, fruit of the land, Bless and receive now, the work of our hands. *[Refrain]*
2. Bread of the promise, people of hope, Wine of compassion, life for the world Gathered at table, joined as his body, Sealed in the Spirit, sent by the Word. *[Refrain]*

RECEIVING 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Celene Lillie

BLESSING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH (HEADING BACK TO "SCHOOL")

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE "Durezza and Fugue in C" Johann Krieger (1651-1735)
Gerald Holbrook, organ

***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:

Tessa Espinosa

Kyle Griffin

Rich and Ruth Irvin

Olivia Malmberg

Brenda and Mark Mehos

Dan, Elliott, and Spencer Mickelberry, and CJ Riggins

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 September 6, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Facebook or via our website

Speaker: Michael Mather

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. Mail is still being checked several times each week 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/>. Thank you.