

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, September 6, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“OLD HUNDRED”

by Lucille Clifton

NOW LET US MAKE

nobody knows

A JOYFUL NOISE

under the cry

LET US SHOUT

under the glistening

HALLELUJAH

sleeps goodby

AND LET US MAKE

God is a friend

A JOYFUL NOISE

standing between

UNTO THE LORD

what I've been told

AMEN and the trouble I've seen.

PRELUDE Improvisation on “*Balm In Gilead*” African-American spiritual
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jean Hodges

Matthew 18:15-17

“If your sibling sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If they listen to you, you have regained that one.

“But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

“If they refuse to listen to them, tell it to the community; and if they refuse to listen even to the community, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

Lily Pradeau,
Fran and Rich Saxon

Matthew 18.18-20

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

SERMON

The School of the Spirit: The First Day of School
Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Keep Your Eyes on the Prize” Pete Seeger (1919-2014)
Rajdulari, vocals

PRAYERS

Rev. Michael Mather

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.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Pastor: Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are named as part of Christ's holy church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

RESPONSE: (sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection")

**Creator of the water that makes the world so green,
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.**

Pastor: Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

RESPONSE: (sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection")

**As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized —
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.**

Pastor: And so I ask you, do you recognize the power and presence of God's goodness in your life and in the life of the world around you?

RESPONSE: WE DO!

Pastor: And so I ask, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

RESPONSE: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Pastor: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

RESPONSE: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Pastor: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body?

RESPONSE: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to follow him, in union with the church which Christ has opened to all people!

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

RESPONSE: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world and bearing witness to Christ's presence in the world.

Pastor: The luring force of God draws us to the well of our faith. What can we say about that faith? This, collectively, is our affirmation of faith: in a word or phrase, what do you believe?

RESPONSE: *Say OUT LOUD something you believe.*

Sung: (to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection")

**May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.
Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew —
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.**

Pastor: Come to the waters and remember your baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in A”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

***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:

Kirsten Carpenter and Jordan Ortman

Bob and Lisa Carr

Jean Hodges

Gerald Holbrook

Heidi Lewis

Lori and Mike McCue

Arabelle and Archer Moffitt

Lily Pradeau

Fran and Rich Saxon

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 13, 2020

10:30 am MDT on our Website or on Facebook

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.