

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Crossing

by Jericho Brown

*The water is one thing, and one thing for miles.
The water is one thing, making this bridge
Built over the water another. Walk it
Early, walk it back when the day goes dim, everyone
Rising just to find a way toward rest again.
We work, start on one side of the day
Like a planet's only sun, our eyes straight
Until the flame sinks. The flame sinks. Thank God
I'm different. I've figured and counted. I'm not crossing
To cross back. I'm set
On something vast. It reaches
Long as the sea. I'm more than a conqueror, bigger
Than bravery. I don't march. I'm the one who leaps.*

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in G”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

John Worgan (1724-1790)

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Helga Schroeder

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because God has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for God has heard your complaining.'"

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

LESSONS FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH Helga Schroeder
and Rob Trowe

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Happy Day" Philip Doddridge (18th C)
Courtney Caston, soprano Arr. Edwin Hawkins

SERMON *Deep, True, Alive* Dr. Hal Taussig

PRAYERS Darren De Reuck

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 Les and Sue Brighton
Rick and Julie Powers

Blessing of the Water

For oceans and puddles

THANK YOU GOD.

For raindrops and fountains

THANK YOU GOD.

For clean fresh water

THANK YOU GOD.

For water stories in the Bible

THANK YOU GOD.

For Moses in the bulrushes and Jonah and the big fish
THANK YOU GOD.

For John the Baptist in the River Jordan
THANK YOU GOD.

For Jesus in a boat and Peter in the water
THANK YOU GOD.

For all your people all around the world
THANK YOU GOD.

For the people here at First Church
THANK YOU GOD.

God of water and wonder and new beginnings we bring our thank yous and
ourselves
AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celene Lillie

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Slow Movement C Minor”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

John Alcock (1714-1806)

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

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talents to today's service:

Les and Sue Brighton
Courtney Caston
Darren De Reuck
Julie and Rick Powers
Helga Schroeder
Hal Taussig
Rob Trowe

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us for Our Service on September 27, 2020

10:30 am MDT Online

Speaker: Dr. Celene Lillie

September Special Offering Benefits Reconciling Ministry, BCAP, and Out Boulder County

Reconciling Ministry is a very important part of FUMC and who we are as a church. The month of September is a time to help foster not only the Reconciling Ministry, but also the reconciling mission of this church. Along with our Reconciling Ministry, we partner with BCAP (Boulder County AIDS Project) and Out Boulder County. Your special offering this month will help provide food for the BCAP pantry, as well as help them continue their mission to bring awareness, help, and healing to those living with AIDS. Giving will also help contribute to the many important services provided by Out Boulder County, as well as foster their mission of educating and advocating for Boulder's LGBTQ community. Your support will also help our Reconciling Ministry continue to grow and develop through educational opportunities and finding new ways to connect and build our community. We'd also like to buy some new, more inclusive Pride flags for future Reconciling events, or to hang at church. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "September special offering" in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you prefer to give online through our website, click on the green "Give" tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, click the "Donate Now" button, and type in the amount you'd like to give on the line for "September Mission Offering." Thank you for your generous support of our ministry and mission!

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.